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30 fires in less than 2 mos.



Two firefighters wait for a firetruck as a brush fire spreads along the side of the Tun Joaquin Doi Road in Chalan Kanoa Thursday afternoon. An off-duty firefighter who was passing by the area noticed the blaze and immediately called the Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services. After a few minutes, firefighters and a small fire truck came and stopped the blaze from burning a power pole and destroying more vegetation.

FERDIE DE LA TORRE

- » **106.75 acres of land scorched**
- » **15,287 gallons of water used**

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A total of 30 brush fires hit the CNMI in less than two months, destroying a total of 106.75 acres of vegetation, according to statistics provided yesterday by the Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services.

As a result of those fires that occurred from April 10 to May 29, 2017, a total of 15,287 gallons of wa-

ter were used. That translates to 76.5 hours of manpower hours.

According to DFEMS, most of the

30 brush fires occurred on Saipan with 21 reported incidents from May 2 to 29, destroying 28 acres of vegetation. A total of 5,152 gallons of water were used and 40 manpower hours were incurred.

On Rota, there were five reported brush fires from May 22 to 27, scorching 28 acres of vegetation. A total of 185 gallons of water were used and 26 man hours were spent.

Tinian had four reported brush fires

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'NMI should have a say in CW-1 approvals'

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Being the agency that approves or turns down petitions for CNMI-Only Transitional Worker (CW-1) visas, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services should include the CNMI in the decision making process, said Senate President Arnold I. Palacios (R-Saipan), who pointed out that this was one of their recommendations to congressional leaders in the 902 report.

Palacios made the statement after USCIS announced on May 25 that the CW-1 numerical cap for fiscal year 2018 has already been reached. USCIS said they had already reached the maximum possible number of workers that could be granted CW-1 permits.

"That's a dilemma that really needs to be resolved. How many reporters, construction workers, health workers, and those in the service industry do we need? In the hospital, do

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Local

'Extending CW-1 visa program is everybody's business'

By BEA CABRERA
REPORTER

Extending the program that allows foreign workers to work in the CNMI, called the CNMI-Only Transitional Worker program, affects everyone in the CNMI.

That's according to Alex Sablan, a former president of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Governor's Strategic Economic Development Council who attended the talks with the federal government in Washington, D.C.

Speaking at the Friday meeting of the Society for Human Resource Management NMI Chapter at the Pacific Islands Club's Charley's Cabaret, Sablan warned no one is exempt from the impact if the CW-1 program is not extended.

"The CW-1 visa extension program is everybody's business. You may not be a CW worker, you may not be a part of the issue, you may feel you are not going to be affected, but the real issue comes down to this—what is your economy going to look like? What is your business/offices' focal



Participants of the Society for Human Resource Management NMI Chapter meeting at the Pacific Islands Club's Charley's Cabaret listen to the speaker.

point going to be if there are no people to do the jobs that needs to get done?" he said.

Sablan said if the islands don't get the CW-1 extension, the local economy in large part will be reduced and everything else will follow.

Consistent with the topic was the introduction of the

Northern Marianas Business Alliance, with Sablan as chairperson. The alliance is composed of officers and members of the CNMI business community. Sablan said they formed the alliance to seek a Washington, D.C. consultant to help the CNMI lobby the provisional changes needed to

answer the core needs of the CW-1 visa program.

"We seek to get a 10-year extension of the transition program, to increase the cap from 12,999 to 18,000, for CNMI to have the same tool as the governor of Guam has and that is the authority to approve labor documents through Guam La-

bor and work to convert with [the help of] U.S. Labor and [U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services], and impose prevailing wages for CW-1 visa holders."

According to a recent report of the U.S. Government Accountability Office, there is an absolute need for foreign national workforce in the Commonwealth.

"Without it, even if you are a U.S. citizen who is in the Commonwealth today, whether in government or private sector, we still don't have a sufficient workforce base," Sablan said.

"We are hopeful we transition to some type of

'H' visa that recognizes Commonwealth foreign workers to work all-year-round. The 18,000-increase in cap was formulated based on the casino, three hotels, ancillary businesses, and potential food and beverage business from the U.S. mainland that are just sitting on the sidelines waiting until we figure this visa thing out. Under federal law, only CW-1 doesn't carry with it a prevailing wage. We are asking to have jurisdiction on that part so that we can establish a wage that is

based on the current market value in the CNMI."

Another challenge, he said, is the lack of a prevailing wage in the CNMI. The prevailing wage sets the salary of foreign workers being petitioned for worker-based visa.

"Today, there's no prevailing wage in the CNMI because we missed the mark. We are currently utilizing Hawaii and Guam as focus. We have to yield to those two jurisdictions but what we need is a CNMI wage study that focuses on our economy."

He said the alliance emphasizes that it does not seek to supplant, but to supplement the work that is being initiated and done by the government working group.

"We are in close contact with the 'working group,' which is the government organization composed of the administration, [Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan's] office and Legislature. What the alliance is doing is making a wish-list request. In fact, we are going to have a presentation to the group in the middle of the month to present the provisional changes we seek as the core needs of the CW-1 visa program," Sablan added.

High school grads encouraged to attend Cash for College workshop

Northern Marianas College is asking parents of recent high school graduates to encourage their son or daughter to take advantage of the services offered at the Cash for College workshop on Saturday, June 17, 2017, at NMC's Building A at the As Terlaje campus.

The workshop will also be held on Tinian on June 20, 2017, at the NMC Tinian campus from 10am to 2pm and on Rota on June 22, 2017, at the NMC Rota campus from 10am to 2pm.

The aim of the workshop is to assist students and their parents to maximize scholarship opportunities that are available for those seeking a college education at NMC or at other postsecondary institutions. Many students who have attended previous Cash for College workshops are now receiving thousands of dollars to advance their education.

The workshop is open to anyone in the community who would like assistance in finding money for college—whether they are recent high school graduates or not. The workshop will be an ongoing session, so participants can stop by anytime between 9am and 12pm.

Participants will be provided with personal, step-by-step assistance in completing college financial aid forms, focusing especially on forms for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, the Saipan Higher Education Financial Aid, and the CNMI Scholarship.

Staff members from the college's Office of Admissions and Records will also be present to provide information and assistance with the NMC application process.

Although not required, it is recommended that workshop participants bring a valid form of identification (e.g., a valid U.S. passport, copy of valid application for a U.S. passport, birth certificate, or green card), an official transcript from high school (at least three official copies), copy of 2015 1040, copy of 2015 W-2 (if not filing), and proof of CNMI residency, including proof of continuing residency. Applicants for SHEFA should bring a valid U.S. passport or a voter registration card.

For additional information, visit marianas.edu or contact the NMC Financial Aid Office at 237-6792 or email [\(NMC\)](mailto:daisy.propst@marianas.edu)



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Rota DPS chief disappointed with Guerrero

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The resident director of the Department of Public Safety on Rota is disappointed with DPS Commissioner Robert A. Guerrero.

In particular, Eusebio M. Manglona is upset with Guerrero for allegedly not inviting Rota to take part in many DPS events. He also claims that Guerrero has not acted on their request to deputize two Rota Mayor's Office employees as police officers, among other issues.

In his reply, Guerrero was surprised that Manglona would be disappointed about not being aware of department events on Saipan, considering that, as often as he travels to Saipan, one would assume that he would know more about such activities.

On the deputizing issue, Guerrero said the two mayor's office employees are not employed by DPS and, regardless of their position title, deputizing them would violate the law.

"Until such time that those individuals are transferred and employed directly under the Department of Public Safety and in compliance with the law, that such order will be lifted," said Guerrero, adding that both the Office of the Attorney General and the Office of the Public Auditor were apprised of the situation.

In his May 26, 2017, letter to Guerrero, Manglona said they have been trying to reach the commissioner, with no luck.

"Correspondences were sent to you via email and fax but we've never had any response to those letters," said Manglona in the letter, a copy of which was obtained

by *Saipan Tribune* over the weekend.

Manglona said he makes it a point to come by Guerrero's office or phone him when he is on Saipan.

He cited one occasion on Oct. 12, 2016, at 12:40pm when he had to wait for Guerrero for over an hour.

"Sir, if you are not on the phone, you are either in a meeting or out of the office. On another occasion, after a long wait, I found out you left your office without acknowledging my presence and meeting with me," Manglona said.

Manglona said that, in early April 2017, he sought assistance to resolve the issue of two detailed employees from the Rota Mayor's Office that Guerrero had disarmed.

He said the two employees are more than qualified to perform the duties of a police officer. He noted that the only issue was the funding of their payroll, which comes from the account of the Rota mayor.

"Other than that, they both completed all requirements. I can't quite understand why deputizing them as police officers is difficult but not difficult for some," Manglona said.

He also cited that at a command meeting in October 2016 on Rota, Guerrero twice instructed Manglona's staff to leave the briefing room as he wanted to talk to Manglona privately.

Manglona said it was at this time that Guerrero informed him that Lt. Gov. Victor Hocog had instructed him to pressure the Rota DPS, especially Manglona, because of party-political opinions, such as the rumor that he was supporting Sen.

Paul Manglona's candidacy for a seat in the Senate.

Manglona said Guerrero even apologized to him about this.

In his response on Thursday to Manglona's letter, Guerrero assured that Rota DPS officers communicate with Saipan DPS officers as to what goes on between the two islands.

As for seeing Manglona, "if my directors have any questions and/or concerns, they come visit me or pick up the phone and call. They don't write novels to in-

quire." Guerrero said he has an open-door policy for all employees and officers.

Guerrero also said that at no time during any of their conversations he did mention Hocog's name.

"I did, however, inform you that all the information that I've been receiving was from within Rota, and as a friend, I thought you should know. Unfortunately, you took it out of context, and obviously, the wrong way," Guerrero said.

He did ask Manglona's

staff to leave the room, saying Manglona was literally in tears and crying out loud.

"See, director, like you, I lost my father a year before you lost yours, so hiding behind such does not hold water in my books," Guerrero said.

On the deputizing issue, Guerrero said upon graduation of the 21st cycle of the police academy, it was brought to his attention by the AG himself that two of the cadets that just graduated were actually community workers under a memoran-

dum of understanding with the Rota Mayor's Office.

In line with this, Guerrero said the Office of the Public Auditor was also informed about the situation.

Guerrero said they asked Manglona's office to work with the mayor's office to correct the issue. A year later, Guerrero said, the issue has not been resolved, with the OPA receiving complaints of the same community workers at DPS, who were still armed and working as police officers.

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Lawsuit vs ex-National Guard recruiting assistant dismissed

The U.S. government's lawsuit against a former National Guard recruiting assistant has been dismissed after both parties reached a settlement agreement.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona dismissed the case with prejudice, which means the U.S. government could no longer re-file the civil complaint against Ana Maria A. Mendiola.

Assistant U.S. attorney Mikel W. Schwab, counsel for the U.S. government, and attorney Robert T. Torres, counsel for Mendiola, filed a stipulation for the case's voluntary dismissal.

The U.S. government sued

Mendiola for four counts of violation of False Claims Act, one count of unjust enrichment, and one count of payment by mistake.

The U.S. government accused Mendiola of defrauding the Army National Guard by claiming to have nominated four potential soldiers over a two-year period.

The lawsuit demanded payment from Mendiola in the total sum of \$21,000 for damages, as well as penalties and court costs.

The parties, however, settled the case.

Under the settlement deal, Mendiola agreed to pay \$15,000 to the U.S. government. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

2017 Pistang Pinoy this Saturday

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In celebration of the 119th Philippine Independence Day, the United Filipino Organization, in collaboration with the office of Philippine honorary consul to the CNMI, will be hosting

events that will lead up to the Independence Day festival, *Pistang Pinoy*.

The festivities will kick off with a flag raising ceremony this Saturday, June 10, to be hosted by Philippine honorary consul Glicerio Arago.

The *Pistang Pinoy* festival

itself will take place the following day, Sunday, June 11. The festivities will include live entertainment, game contests, a Pinoy photo gallery, a bounce house for the children, a boodle fight-eating area, and more. The festival's allure is the authenticity

of the Filipino culture.

There will be a raffle drawing on the night of the festival, with the grand prize winner getting a roundtrip ticket to the Philippines

Food vendors will also be present at the festival. There will also be vendors for nov-

elty items.

The highlight of the night will be the awarding of "Batang Pinoy, Batang Saipan." During this segment of the festival, 14 young achievers will be recognized and awarded.

Former presidents of the United Filipino Organization will be recognized and awarded too.

The whole community is invited to the *Pistang Pinoy* on Sunday, June 11, starting from 7pm to 10pm, at the Marianas Business Plaza.

Philippine Independence Day itself will take place on June 12.

For more questions or additional information, visit the United Filipino Organization's Facebook page.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Air Force training at Farallon de Medinilla

ASAN, Guam—The U.S. Air Force will conduct training at the island of Farallon de Medinilla during the following dates and times:

- June 6-7, from 8:30am to 4:30pm
- June 8, from 7:30am to noon
- June 9, from 9:30am to 1:30pm

The public—especially fishermen, commercial pilots and marine tour operators—are advised to stay clear of the areas during the dates and times indicated. The general location of the training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla will be in a 12-nautical mile radius of the island. (PR)

Notice to Prior Service Trust Fund beneficiaries

This notice applies to the Prior Service Trust Fund beneficiaries who are having their monthly benefit checks directly deposited to their account at Bank of Guam. Effective yesterday, June 1, 2017, Bank of Guam will no longer perform this service for you. In the interim, until PSTF can establish an automatic deposit clearing, PSTF will be mailing your benefit check to your mailing address on file. Contact the PSTF Administration Office at telephone number 322-9753 to confirm your current mailing address by June 1, 2017. The PSTF office is open on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 8am to noon and from 1pm to 5pm. (PR)

One-day Task & Management training

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce and Island Training Solutions invites the public to a Task & Time Management seminar on Thursday, June 15, from 9am to 12pm at the Chamber's conference room at the Marianas Business Plaza Suite 315. The training will help you establish goals, communicate effectively, and meet deadlines, attain skills to balance home and work and learn effective techniques to increase productivity. Training fee is \$50 for Chamber member and \$55 for non-member. Seats are limited. For more information call 234-7150 or email coordinator@saipanchamber.com. (SCC)

CAO to host summer camp this month

The Carolinian Affairs Office will host a summer camp for children ages 8 to 13 years old, from June 5 to June 23, across the Bank of Guam on Beach Road in Garapan. The camp will be held from Monday to Friday only, from 7:30am to 11:30am. Daily activities will focus on traditional ways and practices. Only 30 seats are available, so it's first come, first serve. Registration form available at CAO. Contact 234-6385 for more information. (PR)



1st Saibok Cookout on July 3

By BEA CABRERA
REPORTER

The Department of Cultural and Community Affairs, through its Commonwealth Council for Arts and Culture, would like to invite everyone to the first Saibok Cookout on July 3, starting at 6:30pm, at the Garapan Fishing Base.

Saibok means to "cook in coconut milk" and is a popular Chamorro way of cooking a dish.

CCAC organizer Fay McMahon said the contest is open to professionals or non-professionals who are ready to take on the challenge.

Only five slots are available for challengers and three winners will be chosen. First prize

is \$200, second prize is \$150, and third prize is \$100.

For more information about the Saibok Cookout, call McMahon at 483-1236 and CCAC at 322-9982.

The contest seeks to put the community together, preserve cultural heritage, and promote patriotism.

Concert

The CCAC also had an initial meeting last June 2 on the revival of the Kantan Isla Concert. The event is set to be staged on Aug. 25, from 6pm to 11pm at the Civic Center in Susupe.

"We are reviving Kantan Isla for the younger generation. The concert was under the Chamorro Carolinian

Language Policy Commission before. The objective then is still the objective now and that is the promotion of our music, language and culture," said CCAC director Parker Yobei.

Kantan Isla Concert will be purely music, concentrating on singers. The concert hopes to highlight local musicians.

"We wanted something that is strictly for the performing artists, to entice the kids to get back to expressing themselves through singing and performing original music," added Yobei.

"The Kantan Isla Concert is a gathering of all local musicians. This year all music will be played on stage and sang in the indigenous languages: Chamorro and Carolinian. It is also a program that aims to develop and encourage the younger generations to share their indigenous original compositions and tell their stories through music," said CCAC coordinator Gloriana Teuira.

The initial meeting was attended by arts and culture leaders on Saipan and more information about the concert will be released in the coming weeks.

community," said Palacios. "We should have a seat at the table and say we don't need these types of categories as much as we need this. But the way the system is set up is whoever is the first and locks in those slots are the ones that are going to get [the visas]."

He said some companies even have their personnel hand-deliver their CW-1 petitions in California instead of sending them by mail or courier. "Bigger companies have the advantage, but how about the small ones? We're in a quandary because, for example, we have a real case or situation of organizations that fall into the cracks."

"Like [the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.], why can't we request USCIS that the

CNMI government needs 250 registered nurses and allied professionals, and also private health clinics that provide essential and critical services to the community? Why should it be that other occupations are given priority?"

Palacios said that workers that the CNMI need most should be prioritized for CW-1 visas first, instead of the free-for-all that has been happening since the program was put in place.

"How many domestic helpers do we need versus accountants, versus nurses, versus reporters? If you look at the overall picture, where are our priorities?"

He added that construction workers should not have been included in the CW-1 program. "Are we going to need 2,000 construction workers two years from now? I don't think so. We've

we don't have the ability to sit down with the folks that issue these permits, that control the slots, we have no control over our destiny and in terms of services that we get."

Palacios said the proposal they included in the 902 report were collaboration and data sharing. "We requested DHS for more collaboration. To have the [CNMI Department of Labor] secretary and [a CNMI Society for Human Resource Management representative] be included since they are the driving force and see the need."

"What skills do we need? How many accountants, cooks, professional chefs, or chambermaids do we need? If now? I don't think so. We've

basically peaked our ability to provide for the most basic infrastructure, so we need to step back again and go after infrastructure development."

"Why do we have a grandiose hotel when wastewater could not be accommodated? They could probably set up their own wells, all hotels

do. But after 2019, I'm wondering whether USCIS did not put all of these mechanisms to make it work. Because they are looking at the deadline."

"We are in this quandary and would continue to do so unless we really open up the lines of communications."

FIRE

From Page 1

from April 10 to 25, damaging 50.75 acres of vegetation. A total of 9,950 gallons of water were used and 10.5 man hours were incurred.

DFEMS spokesman Derek Gersonde said the CNMI's dry season has only begun and now that summer is here, people are

anxious to get out and enjoy the outdoors.

"We break out the tents and grills and make plans for the family," said Gersonde.

He reminded the public that the best way to battle a grass fire is to prevent it from ever starting.

"If you would like more information, please call DFEMS at 664-9004/3 or visit us at any of the DFEMS stations," Gersonde said.

BEA CABRERA

From left, Education Commissioner Cynthia Deleon Guerrero, teacher representative Paul Miura, Board of Education member Herman Guerrero, Tinian Junior and Senior High School vice principal Martina Diaz, Mary Susan Cruz (mother of Mariah Manuel-Cruz), student representative Mariah Manuel Cruz, BOE chair Marylou Ada, associate commissioner Glen Muna, and PSS federal programs officer Tim Thornburgh pose for a photo after the oath taking of the new student representative.

Cruz is new PSS student representative

By BEA CABRERA
REPORTER

Mariah Manuel Cruz is the Public School System's new student representative on the Board of Education.

Cruz took her oath in front of other board members on Monday at the commissioner's office on Capitol Hill. As a student representative, she is a non-voting board member.

"As student representative, I stand as an advocate and my goals are to achieve and fulfill all the students' requests," Cruz said.

Cruz is a 17-year-old incoming senior at Tinian Junior/Senior High School.

According to BOE chair

OAG opposes subpoena of prosecutor

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REPORTER

The Office of the Attorney General questions why a former Rota police officer issued a subpoena to a prosecutor as a witness in a case that charges him with sexual abuse of a 14-year-old girl.

Assistant attorney general Teri C. Tenorio, counsel for the CNMI government, filed a motion yesterday asking the Superior Court to quash Melvin Maratita Manglona's subpoena of Betsy Weintraub.

Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho set a hearing on the motion to quash for June 14 at 9am.

Manglona was given until June 12 to reply to the government's motion.

Tenorio said that last May 31, the defendant, through his counsel, subpoenaed Weintraub as a witness in the case but did not provide any details in support of his subpoena.

Instead, Tenorio said, Weintraub was subpoenaed as though she were an ordinary witness.

"By the law regarding subpoenaing a prosecuting attorney who has been involved in a prosecution is well-settled, and requires far more than what defendant has established here," she said.

The prosecutor pointed out that the rule applies even to attorneys who have withdrawn from the case in question.

Here, Tenorio said, Weintraub is still involved in an advisory capacity on the case, though she (Tenorio) is now the primary attorney handling the matter.

The prosecutor said Manglona has made no showing what-

Marylou Ada, the school representative position is rotated in all the islands in the CNMI. This year, it was Tinian's turn.

"So we wrote a letter to the principal to come up with a list of students who are best qualified to represent the needs of the students and Cruz was the student recommended to us. We then sent the recommendation to the governor and sought his approval," said Ada.

Cruz is aware of the magnitude of the tasks before her. "I know this is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. I also know that it's kind of daunting to do this kind of job but I believe I can do it with the help of the BOE, teacher and students," Cruz said.



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A little over 100 cancer survivors, cancer patients, and caregivers gathered at the Hyatt Regency Saipan last Sunday for the Cancer Survivors Gala, which was held in celebration of Cancer Survivors Day.

The gala was intended for cancer survivors to share their stories, share their triumphs, to empower others who are currently battling cancer.

CNMI nurses celebrate Nurses Week

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The 30th anniversary of the CNMI Nurses Week was marked with a proclamation signing at the Commonwealth Health Center conference room last Friday, declaring June 5 to 10 as CNMI Nurses Week.

The proclamation signing, which honors the 3.9 million nurses in the U.S., is also the start of numerous events hosted by the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.

Led by the 4th CNMI Nursing Association Let's Tri Challenge at Paupau Beach last Saturday, Nurses Week also featured a Mass at Kristo Rai Church on Sunday, followed by a sportsfest at Ada Gymnasium, the "Outrun the Outbreak" Fun Run on Beach Road on June 9, and the con-

tinuing 5th CNMI nursing convention and CNMI Nurses Ball on June 10.

The CNMI Nursing Association, along with the American Nurses Association, were honored as well during the proclamation.

"Professional nursing has been demonstrated to be an indispensable component in the safety and quality of care of hospitalized patients," reads part of the proclamation. "The demand for nursing services will be greater than ever because of the aging population, the continuing expansion of life-sustaining technology, and the explosive growth of home health care services."

This year's theme for CNMI Nurses Week is "Nursing: The Balance of Mind, Body, and Spirit."

There are about 180 nurses at CHCC.

The event, hosted by CCA, showcased the stories of cancer survivors, what they went through and how their lives changed once they were diagnosed with cancer.

One man told of surviving testicular cancer. According to him, he was diagnosed with testicular cancer at the age of 37. Surgery removed the mass of cancer that was found in his body. After the surgery, he then underwent another

six months of chemotherapy. In 2006, the results of a scan showed that the lymph nodes where the cancer mass was removed were normal again. He was deemed cancer free.

According to him, cancer patients usually have an emotional and negative mindset. He wishes to help others who are currently battling cancer to change that mindset.

He participates in CCA's monthly forum to share his

experience and help cancer patients psychologically while also celebrating his second chance in life.

"Stay positive....Don't think cancer is going to beat you, you can beat cancer," he said.

According to CCA president Bo Palacios, caregivers are also celebrated at the gala.

Caregivers are not only registered caretakers but also family and loved ones who dedicate time into caring for a relative

who is or was battling cancer.

According to Palacios, caregivers were invited to share their stories and how life is like when you're caring for a cancer patient.

"By sharing their stories, they can inspire hope," said Palacios.

Saipan Mayor David Apatang was also present at the event. Apatang, himself a cancer survivor, is happy to see so many survivors like himself share their stories.



CALL OF DUTY

A bush cutter looks unfazed and continues to work even under the rain along Chalan Monsignor Guerrero.

BEA CABRERA

Chamber meeting on Wednesday

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce will give a general membership meeting this Wednesday, June 7, at the Saipan World Resort's Royal Taga Ballroom. The group will also hold its annual scholarship

awarding. Luncheon begins at 11:30am and the meeting starts promptly at noon. "There will also be a brief presentation from Northern Marianas Business Alliance Corp.

The day's speakers will include

Matson increases number of trips to Samoa

HONOLULU—Matson, a leading U.S. carrier in the Pacific, will increase the frequency of its South Pacific Express service, or SPX service, to Samoa and American Samoa from 28 days to 14 days. The service provides the fastest transit time from Hawaii and the U.S. West Coast to the Samoas: 12 days from Long Beach and five-and-a-half days from Honolulu to Pago Pago, with an extra day to Apia.

Matson launched its SPX service on Aug. 10, 2016, establishing reliable, fixed day shipping service between the U.S. West Coast, Hawaii and the Samoas. Its new fortnightly SPX schedule is made possible by the company's acquisition of a larger, faster vessel that has been christened *Samoana* and will be welcomed at special ceremonies following its maiden voyage arrivals at Pago Pago and Apia.

"As a leading independent shipping company serving Hawaii for the past 135 years, Matson has built a reputation for customer focus, and the

feedback from our customers and the wider community has been extremely positive," said senior vice president-Pacific Tuilaepa Vic Angoco. "We are excited that we can now offer increased frequency to North America and Hawaii for importers and exporters alike, improving the flow of goods from the U.S. and optimizing access for Samoa produce and goods into U.S. markets."

"We are also pleased to announce that the new vessel serving the Samoas will be named 'MV Samoana,' underscoring Matson's commitment to the Samoas, Tonga and the Cook Islands. The name *Samoana* has special meaning to us as Samoans, and Matson recognizes the pride our people have in our unique culture. It is our hope that the people of the region feel a connection to this vessel," Tuilaepa added.

Samoana, with a capacity of 1,103 TEUs, or 20-foot Equivalent Units, the standard unit of measurement for container capacity, will replace the 844-TEU MV *Islander*, which had

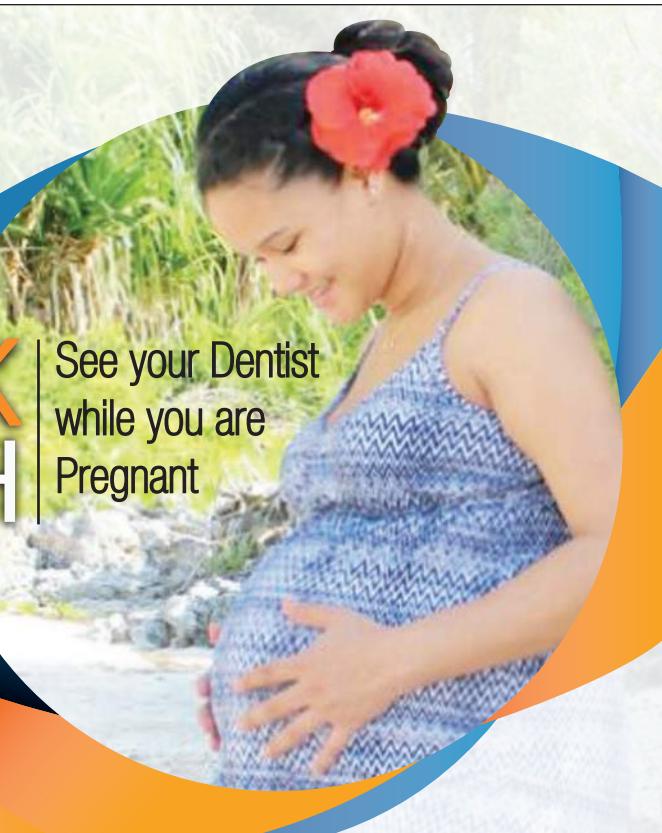
Cathryn Javier, 2016 scholarship recipient; Glen Hunter, SYP mentor and The Shack owner; Rosalyn Ajoste, Saipan Southern High School librarian and SYP member; and Kristal Johnson, SYP member and 2016 Koblerville Elementary School Teacher of the Year. (PR)

been operating the previous 28-day service.

The newly increased service from the U.S. mainland and Hawaii complements Matson's existing 14-day service from New Zealand to the Samoas, which has been in operation since 2013. This allows for exporting and importing opportunities to extend across these trade lanes, which also cover Rarotonga, Aitutaki, Nukualofa, Vava'u, Niue, and Fiji.

Along with competitive transit times from U.S. ports to the South Pacific, Matson's dedicated terminal operations on the West Coast provide shippers with superior truck turn times, flexibility in receiving cargo seven days a week, and Matson's extensive chassis inventory in U.S. ports.

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**INVITATION FOR BIDS
DPW-17-IFB-017**

SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF A CUBICLE WORKSTATIONS/PARTITIONS AND OFFICE FURNITURE/FIXTURE FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, BUILDING SAFETY CODE DIVISION SECTION, SAIPAN

Governor Ralph Dlg. Torres and Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog, through the Department of Public Works (DPW) are soliciting sealed bids for Supply and Delivery of a Cubicle Workstations/Partitions and Office Furniture/Fixture for the Department of Public Works, Saipan Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The project package will be available on or after **May 23, 2017** at Technical Services Division, Department of Public Works, located on Second Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, San Jose, Saipan.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations currently in effect."

THE PROVISIONS OF THE CNMI PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, NMIC SECTION 70-30.3-725 AND 70-30.3-730 PROHIBITING GRATUITUITS, KICKBACKS AND CONTINGENT FEES SHALL APPLY.

There will be a **Pre-bid Conference** for this project on **June 8, 2017 9:00 a.m. local time** at the Department of Public Works Conference Room 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center Office, Saipan. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on **June 20, 2017** to **Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547. Response to questions shall be shared with prospective bidders.

Sealed bids must be marked **"DPW-17-IFB-017"**. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply, located at the former Emergency Management Office, Ascension Drive, Building No. 1301, Capitol Hill, Saipan, no later than **10:00 a.m. local time June 23, 2017**. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional Seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notices of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than **10:00 a.m. local time, June 23, 2017**, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than June 23, 2017 and the BID documents must be received at the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than **July 5, 2017**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply, located at the former Emergency Management Office, Ascension Drive, Building No. 1301, Capitol Hill, Saipan, at **10:00 a.m. local time, July 10, 2017**. However, if no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at **10:30 a.m. local time, on July 23, 2017**.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) a bid security of fifteen (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. **Bid security shall be on a bid bond, in cash, by certified check, cashiers check or other form acceptable to the government. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. Surety requiring approval of the Attorney General must be pre-approved prior to bid submission.** Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations **\$70-30.3-245**. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than \$25,000.00. Prior to the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit:

- A current license from the bonding company showing that it has authority to issue bond in the CNMI, and
- A certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceed the penal amount of each bond.

A contractor submitting an unacceptable payment or performance bond may be permitted a reasonable time, as determined by the P&S Director, to substitute an acceptable bond prior to executing a contract.

Acceptable assets are only:

- Cash
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- Stocks and Bonds traded on US Security Exchange
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Performance time for completion of this project is **One Hundred Thirty (120) calendar days** upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages for delays beyond the established completion date will be assessed at the rate of **Three Hundred (US\$300.00)** for each and every day the work is delayed beyond the established completion date.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION STATEMENTS
Provisions of Architect and Engineering Services
for the Public Assistance Office
RFQ17-GOV-164

Governor Ralph DLG. Torres and Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog, through the Public Assistance Office, (collectively, "Commonwealth"), are soliciting sealed proposals from Architects and Engineers to provide Project Management Services for designated Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) funded projects.

Procurement procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2001, or latest revision thereof. Public Law 15-95 (Local Preference Act) as amended by Public Law 15-118 does not apply to this federally funded project. All wage rates for employees performing the work, labor and services on this project shall be paid at the current U.S. prevailing wage rates established for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

Selected Architects and Engineers (Project Managers) will be retained as independent contractors under general provision of the Contracting Officer or his/her designee. Project Managers will act as agents of the expenditure authority on assigned Public Assistance projects to ensure that identified objectives are achieved within cost, time and legal requirements while maintaining effective stakeholder communications. Selected Project Managers will be retained on a one year contract with an option to renew for an additional year at the discretion of the Commonwealth. Project Managers include Architects, Civil, Mechanical and Electrical Engineers.

Compensation for Project Managers services will be determined based on the number of assigned projects including payments for approved staff and expenses. The Commonwealth will negotiate with the selected Project Managers to determine the scope of work and responsibilities. Individuals as firms selected as Project Managers would be precluded from providing any other services associated with the assigned project(s).

A Scope of Services package is available from the Public Assistance Office located at the Juan A. Sablan Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, CNMI. To qualify, firms must have a valid CNMI Business License, be currently licensed to practice engineering in the CNMI, and must hold a Certificate of Authorization, if applicable.

Statements of qualification must be presented by a combination of both brochures and the use of current U.S. Government Standard Form 330 or the latest version of Standard Forms. Only professionally licensed firms with a valid CNMI business license will be considered. Statement of Qualifications will be evaluated and scored based on the following criteria:

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| 1. Qualification of Firm and/or Personnel..... | 40% |
| 2. Experience in Project Management..... | 40% |
| 3. Work Load..... | 20% |

Discussions shall be conducted with the top three (3) ranked firms or with all the firms. After a selection is made, negotiations will be conducted with the highest qualified firm to determine the final fair and reasonable price of the contract for the work to be performed. The selection process shall be guided by § 70-30.3-305 of the CNMI Procurement Regulations.

Qualifications statements must be sealed and marked **"RFQ17-GOV-164, Project Management Services for the Public Assistance Office."** For proposers within the CNMI, one original and five (5) copies of the qualifications statement must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Capitol Hill, Saipan, MP, no later than 10:00 a.m. (ChST) on June 22, 2017. Proposers located outside the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their proposal by submitting a Notice of Intent to Propose. Notices of Intent to Propose must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. (ChST) on June 22, 2017 and may be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For proposers located outside the CNMI, one original and five (5) copies of the sealed qualifications statement must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than June 22, 2017, and must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. (ChST) on July 3, 2017. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies of the proposal may be cause for rejection of a proposal. A pre-proposal meeting will be held at the Public Assistance Office, located at the Juan A. Sablan building in Capital Hill, at 10:00 a.m. (ChST) on June 14, 2017.

Questions regarding this RFQ17-GOV-164 may be submitted in writing to Patrick Guerrero at patrickguerrero.pa@gmail.com or faxed to (670) 664-2408 no later than June 16, 2017.

The Commonwealth reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any imperfections in any proposal if, in its opinion to do so, would be in the best interests of the CNMI government. All proposals shall become the sole property of the CNMI government.

/s/ Virginia C. Villagomez
Governor's Authorized Representative

/s/ Herman S. Sablan
Director of Procurement & Supply

LOCAL

CanCam mag to feature Marianas



Japan women's magazine *CanCam* shoots for a September 2017 issue at Micro Beach, Saipan, on May 23, 2017. MVA



Model Mistuki Yamamoto, third from left, and the production crew shoot at Micro Beach in the Marianas for a September 2017 issue of the *CanCam* women's magazine.

Popular Japanese women's magazine *CanCam* is planning a second feature on the Marianas for their young female readers.

In one of its September 2017 editions, *CanCam* will feature model Mistuki Yamamoto in a seven-page spread shot on Saipan in May.

The magazine targets women in their 20s who are interested in fashion, beauty, and travel. It circulates 213,000 copies monthly and receives

250,000 unique users monthly on its website. In April, the magazine ran the cover story "Everything You Can Do in the Marianas: Saipan, Tinian, and Rota," nine pages of coverage on the islands.

"*CanCam* is quite a popular magazine in Japan, and we're very happy that they've chosen to do two features about the Marianas in such a short span of time," said MVA managing director Christopher A. Concepcion. "By negotiating

this coverage, the MVA aims to reach a new generation of Japanese travelers with images of all that Saipan, Tinian, and Rota have to offer."

Sites and attractions to be featured include beach barbecue and sunset at Aqua Resort Club Saipan and parasailing at award-winning Managaha and Micro Beach. The group stayed at Hyatt Regency Saipan during their visit. The estimated ad exposure value is nearly \$200,000. (**MVA**)

Soroptimist CNMI relaxes membership rules

By BEA CABRERA
REPORTER

Soroptimist International Club NMI Chapter used to be exclusive, but the organization has relaxed and opened its rules for membership.

Jessica Castro from Soroptimist International formed the local chapter in October 2013 when she came to Saipan. It is a volunteer organization established to widen the vision of Soroptimist Worldwide to empower women through education.

"We started with 12 members. We have grown since then and currently, the three

charter members from the beginning—Pam Brown, Pacific Ombudsman for Humanitarian Law executive; Tanya David from Bank of Guam; and myself—are still very much involved," said former Soroptimist president and charter member Jill Arenovski.

The club's members have different cultural backgrounds, a fact that Arenovski celebrates. "We remain diverse and embrace it. We find that better decisions come from different opinions. We are open for membership with women who share the club's vision. We require them to attend three different meetings,

whether business meeting, fund raiser and mixer just so they know what we are."

The club's main program is the Live Your Dream Awards, where they award \$1,000 to a woman who is the primary source of financial support for their families by giving them the resources they need to improve their education.

"The award is not limited for someone who starting school. One can be in their last year in school and still get the award. They can spend the award not only for tuition but also in childcare, medical, etc."



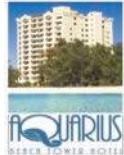
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How Donald Trump is ushering in the Chinese century

In February 1941, Henry R. Luce, editor and publisher of *Time* and *Life* magazines, wrote a striking editorial in *Life* magazine. It began by lamenting what he saw as Americans' pessimism: "As we look out at the rest of the world we are confused; we don't know what to do," Luce wrote. "As we look toward the future—our own future and the future of other nations—we are filled with foreboding."

Luce went on to exhort President Franklin D. Roosevelt and all Americans to get past this pessimism, to outgrow their isolationist impulses and to enter World War II and rescue Nazi-besieged Europe. Luce argued that the United States should "accept wholeheartedly our duty and our opportunity as the most powerful and vital nation in the world and in consequence to exert upon the world the full impact of our influence." Ten months later, after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, the U.S. did enter the war. Less than four years after that, America led the allied nations to victory and cemented a world order dominated by the U.S.

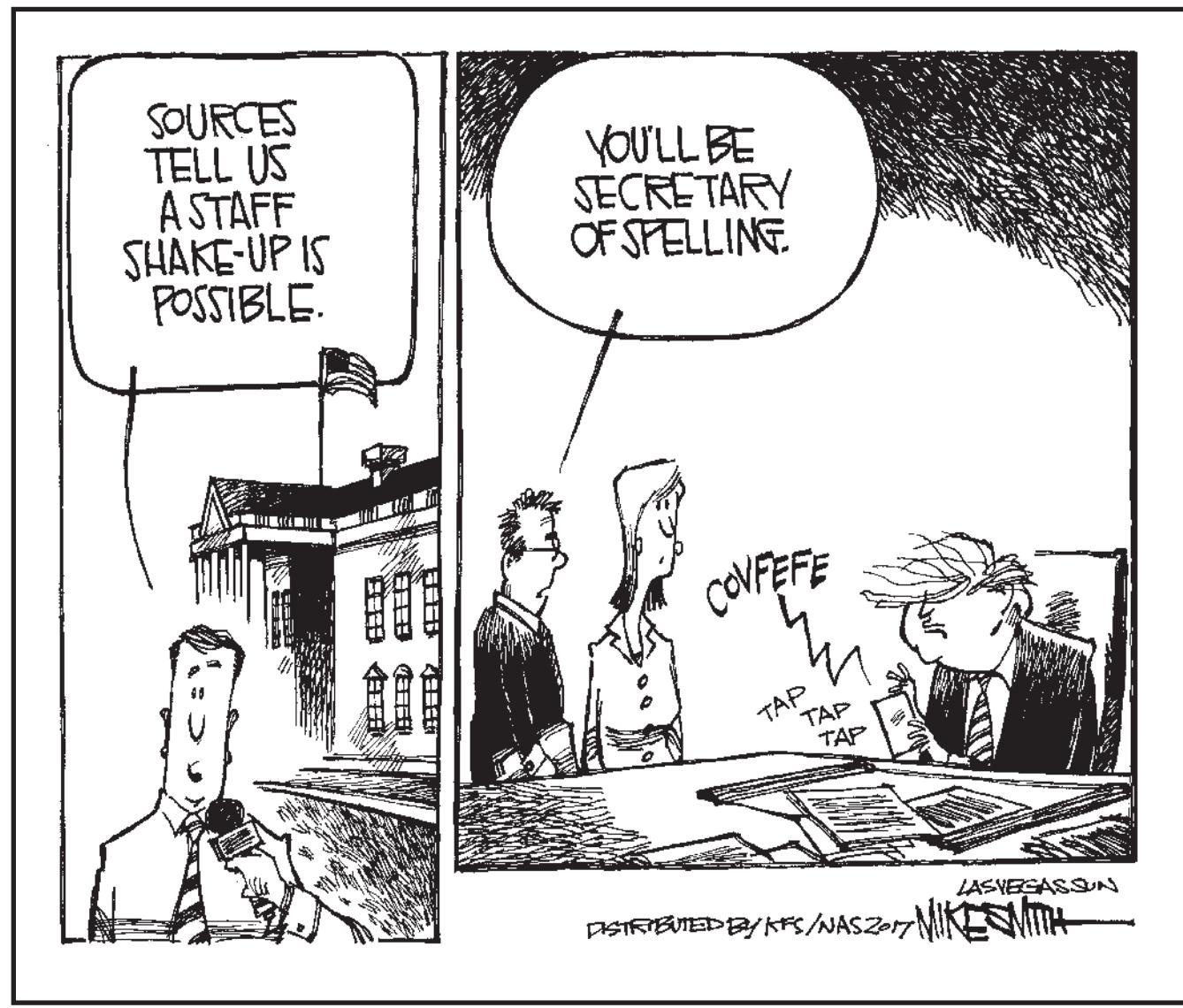
The prescient headline of Luce's editorial was "The American century." The phrase came to be historical shorthand for how the United States held sway over the 20th century.

There is no reason to believe the 21st century can't be a better American century. But the pessimism and foreboding that President Trump feels when he looks out at the rest of the world—evident in his constant assertions that America is perpetually victimized by other nations—may someday be seen as the key to ushering in the Chinese century. His decision to withdraw the U.S. from the Paris climate accords, his hostility toward NATO and his loathing of trade deals like the North American Free Trade Agreement and the Trans-Pacific Partnership make it possible to envision a world in which Beijing replaces Washington as the world's hub of power.

Certainly this is the hope of Chinese President Xi Jinping as well. It's why Beijing has assiduously wooed the rest of the world with foreign aid, diplomacy, trade incentives, cultural and educational programs, and more. In his 2007 book, *Charm Offensive: How China's Soft Power Is Transforming the World*, Council on Foreign Relations scholar Joshua Kurlantzick envisioned a future in which China became the only nation outside the Soviet Union to rival the United States in international influence.

This charm offensive continues this week at the China-European Union summit meeting in Brussels. Beijing's emissaries emphasized their commitment to the Paris accord and their belief in the value of multilateral agreements—and the confidence that other nations could have that China would behave in predictable ways. This last argument is made very calculatedly. In the Trump era, it is difficult to have such confidence in America.

The most powerful and vital nation in the world doesn't want to lead—creating an opening that China has long been preparing to fill.



Right to health care is wrong argument

Is there a right to health care?

Our arguments about health policy frequently highlight the question. The liberals at *Slate* magazine have answered yes, and the conservatives at the *American Spectator* have said no. Actress Laura Dern has affirmed such a right, and Republican Rep. Raul Labrador denied it. Miss USA has been on both sides of the question. And all of this was just in May.

As much as people argue about it, it's not a very good question—not, at least, in our society, in which nearly everyone agrees that all people must have access to some basic level of health care. Because of that consensus, conservatives who deny a right to health care don't really mean it, and liberals who affirm it can't use it to clinch the case for their favored policies.

One problem is that the word "rights" can be understood in many ways. Fairly often it refers to "negative" rights: The right to speak freely is a right to speak without being subjected to government interference or to violence. Any right to health care would by contrast be a "positive" right. When we are thinking about positive rights, we sometimes have in mind enforceable claims to governmental provision of a good, service or asset. Almost all senior citizens in America have this kind of legal right to a Social Security check.

But positive rights do not always have this character. The Catholic Church, for example, affirms a right to education, but clearly does not mean that the government must directly supply schooling to all children. It would prefer to provide that education to many children itself, or through affiliated organizations, and opposes any "school monopoly" held by the government.

Catholic teaching has also sometimes endorsed a right to medical care, as in the 1963 encyclical *Pacem in Terris*. But the catechism dispenses with the language of rights in rendering the point: "Concern for the health of its citizens requires that society help in the attainment of living—conditions that allow them to grow and reach maturity: food and clothing, housing, health care, basic education, employment, and social assistance."

The church, in my admittedly biased view, gets this right: The "right to health care," properly understood, means that public authorities have a duty to foster conditions in which all people's medical needs are met. There are, however, a variety of ways governments can meet this obligation.

A central government can directly provide health services or health insurance; it can rely on markets while providing subsi-

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Bloomberg View

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dies to the indigent; it can regulate those markets more or less heavily. Different people legitimately disagree on the best way to proceed, or think that the best way to proceed will vary depending on a society's particular circumstances.

Those disagreements are neither unimportant nor merely technical. They involve such moral questions as how much freedom individuals should have in making their own decisions pertaining to health care, and how important it is for people to be free of financial anxiety arising from it.

As important as these disagreements are, our debate about health policy takes place among people who almost all agree that society has to find a way to see to it that everyone's basic medical needs are met. That is true even when conservatives make dumb comments that appear to break this consensus.

Take President Donald Trump's budget director, Mick Mulvaney, who recently said that while we should provide a safety net for people who get cancer, "that doesn't mean we should take care of the person who sits at home, eats poorly and gets diabetes." Yet he isn't proposing to abolish Medicaid or Medicare for such people, or to eliminate the legal requirement that emergency rooms take all comers.

Liberals and conservatives argue about the existence of a right to health care because both sides believe, erroneously, that it necessarily entails the extensive welfare state that only the former want.

Both could benefit from reading what Edmund Burke had to say about this subject more than 200 years ago: "What is the use of discussing a man's abstract right to food or medicine? The question is upon the method of procuring and administering them. In that deliberation I shall always advise to call in the aid of the farmer and the physician rather than the professor of metaphysics."

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Being a good loser leads to life's triumphs

I'm not just a good loser. I'd go as far as to say, in all modesty, that I am an excellent loser. I won't say I'm one of the world's best losers; I acknowledge there are others who are better at losing than I am.

I can't even come first in failure.

When I posed the question "Are you a good loser?" on Facebook, I discovered a tribe of people who regard themselves as "secretly bad losers." My friend Gianetta Palmer from Georgia puts it this way: "I'm a good loser in public but a bad loser in private." A correspondent in New Zealand said that despite being a therapist who advises clients about coping with perfectionism, she "screams into the pillow and smashes small crockery" when receiving rejection notices from professional journals.

I don't do that kind of thing, perhaps because I don't own crockery. Or perhaps it's because I boast a certain losing expertise. Losing and I have a long-established, intimate and even cozy relationship. Growing up, I was the designated loser. I was always on the losing team—when I made it onto a team. Being tune-deaf and clumsy, I was the last chosen for any school play involving singing or dancing. Feel free to imagine the other stories; you probably have your own versions.

And yet I was lucky because in my family being "a winner" or "a loser" wasn't how we defined ourselves or other people.

I knew families who did divide the world that way, however, and they made me want to run away from anything disguised as a "friendly competition." I won't insist that "friendly competition" is an oxymoron. I just know that it's often another term for "barely disguised war."

One big, bouncy family, as part a longstanding tradition, played elaborate games on major holidays where cousin was pitted against cousin. Have you seen "Game of Thrones?" It was something like that. Whichever side lost would be humiliated, forced to act as servants to the winners for the rest of the day. I suppose it was a bonding experience—the kind that would prepare you for orientation exercises at either a small tech company or a large federal prison—but the prospect terrified me.

Organized games still make me uneasy. A childhood friend came up for a weekend and brought her mother, as well as Mom's favorite game, "Boggle." The idea behind "Boggle" is to make as many words possible as swiftly as possible from letters spilled out of a cup. "I can't believe I'm playing against an English teacher!" giggled Mom, assuming a wide vocabulary would give me an advantage. I smiled graciously. The timer started and we were off. My friend and her mom filled up their pads with elegant multisyllabic words. In three minutes I came up with EAT, RAT and TEA. "You didn't even see 'rate,' did you, honey?" sympathized Mom.

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Nobody likes to lose but it happens. Sometimes it rains on our parade, sometimes the sun doesn't always come out tomorrow and some thoughts aren't worth the penny you've paid for them.

Speaking of losing and not doing it well: A recent *New Yorker* article quoted a friend of President Donald Trump's who said, "(Trump) tends not to like a lot of negative feedback." I personally do not know of anyone who "tends to like a lot of negative feedback."

Nobody wants to hear we didn't win, or that we were rejected, or that an English teacher should do better at Boggle—nobody does—but if we want to do better next time and improve our skills, we need to stare down our fear of failure. Unless we're willing to lead a fossilized, insulated and inert life, we need to risk losing and risk loss.

Griffin should have known she would be crossing line

I was an amateur stand-up comedian in New York in the late 1990s. I obviously did not do that well, otherwise I would not have sought a career in the federal government. I was in clubs with the likes of Louis CK and Patrice O'Neal, who were the headliners, but I was the 4:30 p.m. show. On Sundays.

O'Neal has since passed away and Louis CK is a great success now. I think he pushes the boundaries quite often. Many comics make their living doing this.

But there are limits. Sometimes those limits get in the way of good entertainment. Expectations of political correctness of late have been a plague for big comedians, especially on college campuses. Even Jerry Seinfeld, perhaps the cleanest comic of our day, voiced frustration on several nightly talk show appearances that political correctness is overshadowing comedy to the point that being funny has too many rules.

But sometimes the limits that society puts on comics keep us human.

I have been a Kathy Griffin fan for years, because she is a little different. Her routines are about celebrity gossip, which is

mostly cheap laughs, of course. But I have always found her interesting to listen to because she merely mocks people who are always in the news.

When I saw the photos of Griffin's mock beheading of President Donald Trump, I thought about my time as a CIA public affairs officer. We received video feed of the beheading of Nick Berg, who was an American radio controller in Iraq at the time he was captured.

After watching the video, the room cleared out quickly. A seasoned case officer walked by my desk after watching it and said, "I am going home tonight with nightmares. This was the worst thing you can do to someone."

As much as we might dislike an elected official, this is not a joke. If Kathy Griffin had been in our room at CIA seeing this type of horrifying murder take place, I doubt she would have made the mistake she did. I also think she should have known this without even having to see such an event take place.

Comedy is all about finding the line and pushing it to the limits. But as Griffin said in her apology: "I'm a comic, I cross the

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line, I move the line and then I cross it. I went way too far."

The late, great George Carlin pushed the boundaries of language and political correctness from all sides. His famous "Seven Words You Can Never Say on Television" act got him arrested in Milwaukee for obscenity. Still, I think he would agree on an additional eighth word you can't say, and that is to broadcast harm.

Sometimes even comics need common sense before we cross a line.

Griffin's photo of Trump was offensive, tasteless

Regardless of what you think of President Trump's politics, Kathy Griffin's crazy-for-clicks stunt is just plain wrong.

It's offensive. It's horrific. It's morbid. It's grotesque. What part of that wacky, out-of-touch brain of hers would make Griffin think that posing with a fake head of the president covered in mock blood was OK? The president's son Donald Trump Jr. was absolutely right when he labeled it "disgusting."

"... This is the left today. They consider this acceptable. Imagine (if) a conservative did this to Obama as POTUS?" Donald Trump Jr. tweeted.

Later Tuesday, Griffin posted a video on Twitter apologizing, saying that she had gone "way too far" with the graphic image and was taking it down. On Wednesday morning, President Trump responded as well, saying the comic should be ashamed.

Earlier, Griffin, who posed for the frighteningly realistic photos taken by photographer Tyler Shields, claimed she was making a statement by "mocking the mocker in chief."

Um, no. Telling a joke about the 45th president of the United States is one thing. Posing with a fake head covered with mock blood is another. It's also potentially irresponsible and reckless. You never know what will trigger someone who is mentally unstable or filled with hatred. Passions are high right now. This

could cross into dangerous territory. There's a fine line between comedy and tastelessness and the self-described D-list comedian crossed it big time.

Be clear: This is not OK. We do not condone what she's done.

Yes, I know it was just a dummy head that Griffin posed with perhaps in a weak gesture of political satire. She's done similar things in search of a cheap laugh before. That's what she does.

In her earlier response, Griffin tweeted that she was trying to play off Trump's infamously insensitive comments about former Fox news anchor Megyn Kelly, that "there was blood coming out of her where ever."

This wasn't the way to do it, though. Griffin's look-at-me gimmick stomps all over our collective nerves, which have been shattered by too many reports of unthinkable ISIS beheadings and other atrocities. Twitter is popping with tweets now from outraged people on the right likening "libs" to Isis.

That matters because if ISIS is the enemy and so are Democrats, then what? As one poster who calls himself "Educating Liberals" tweeted, "Trump is trying to stop ISIS and the Democrats are trying to stop Trump. The Democrats are a national security threat." The hashtag #kathygriffinhatecrime is a thing now. People on social media are comparing her act to effigies burned of President Obama during his term.

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Griffin's actions are an unnecessary distraction. As a nation, we need to come together to see if our election really was compromised by the Russians as has been claimed. As a nation, we need to put our proverbial heads together to find some sort of solution to our national health-care problem so that millions of Americans won't have to go without. As a nation, we need to stop the scourge of urban violence that's scarring our cities.

These are bipartisan issues. They should be our focus—not this ridiculous nonsense. Griffin's going to have a hard time living this down and rightfully so. In the past, she's called herself a D-list celeb. What's lower than that?

Griffin's about to find out.

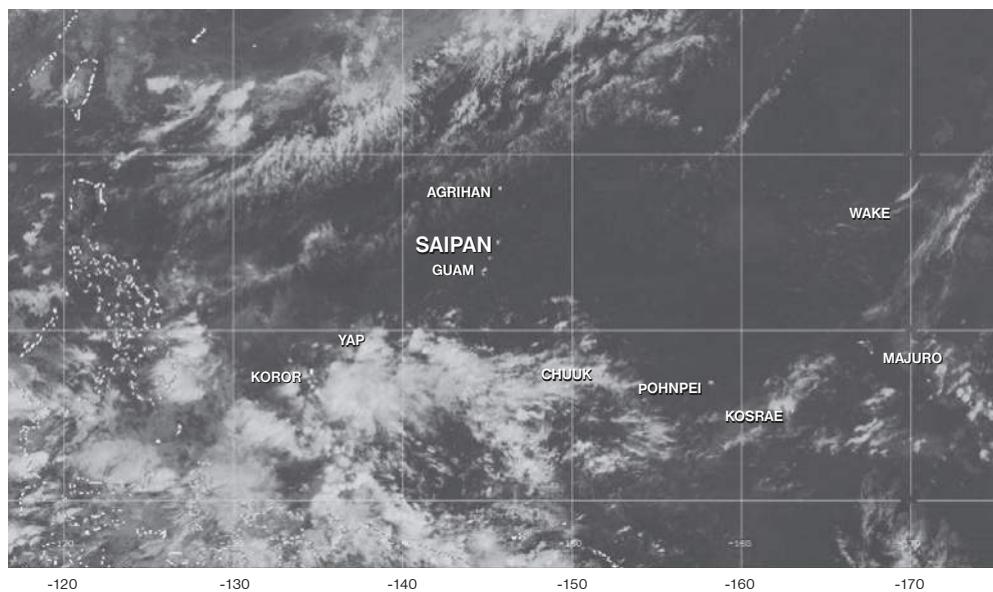
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5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds around 10 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds around 10 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.

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YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



PICTURE TIME: 1:44 AM, MONDAY, JUNE 5, 2017

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

No changes made to the forecast. Morning satellite imagery showed a few showers over the Marianas. Satellite Water Vapor imagery shows little deep layer moisture over the region. The precipitable water index, a measure of deep layer moisture, increased a little from 1.63 inches yesterday morning to 1.74 inches last night. Despite the slight increase do not expect any change in the dry conditions as this is still below average. A ridge of high pressure could be found around 20 north on last night's surface analysis. Models show this ridge sinking southward over the local area by mid-week. With the ridge axis over the area winds will become light. The presence of the ridge will keep showers to a minimum through next weekend.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

MICRONESIA	▲	▼	°F
Guam and Rota	Partly cloudy	89	81 °F
Palau	Thunderstorms	85	77 °F
Yap	Thunderstorms	86	72 °F
Chuuk	Partly cloudy	86	80 °F
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	85	79 °F
Kosrae	Partly cloudy	86	81 °F
Majuro	Thunderstorms	85	81 °F

AROUND THE GLOBE	▲	▼	°F
Auckland	Sunny	58	51 °F
Beijing	Thunderstorms	91	76 °F
Hong Kong	Thunderstorms	87	81 °F
Honolulu	Partly cloudy	85	73 °F
London	Windy	61	52 °F
Los Angeles	Partly cloudy	78	62 °F
Manila	Thunderstorms	89	78 °F
Melbourne	Rain	55	45 °F
Miami	Thunderstorms	85	79 °F
New York	Showers	59	53 °F
Osaka	Sunny	75	59 °F
Paris	Windy	64	52 °F
Pusan	Cloudy	76	63 °F
Rome	Mostly cloudy	81	63 °F
Salem	Sunny	76	49 °F
San Francisco	Sunny	69	52 °F
Seoul	Cloudy	85	63 °F
Tokyo	Mostly cloudy	73	63 °F
Washington, DC	Partly cloudy	77	56 °F



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5:04 AM	HIGH TIDE	1.89
12:17 PM	LOW TIDE	0.13
6:47 PM	HIGH TIDE	1.60
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DAY SUNRISE SUNSET

Today	5:45 AM	6:45 PM
Wednesday	5:45 AM	6:45 PM
Thursday	5:45 AM	6:46 PM
Friday	5:46 AM	6:46 PM
Saturday	5:46 AM	6:46 PM

DAY MOONRISE MOONSET MOONRISE

Today	-	3:20 AM	4:04 PM
Wednesday	-	4:00 AM	4:52 PM
Thursday	-	4:41 AM	5:40 PM
Friday	-	5:24 AM	6:29 PM
Saturday	-	6:09 AM	7:18 PM

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DEPARTURES				ARRIVALS			
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)				GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
UA6394	4:15am	5:05am	Daily	UA6393	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA6392	8:40am	9:30am	Daily	UA6395	7:15am	8:05am	Daily
UA6391	1:30pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota	UA6391	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA6390	2:20pm	3:10pm	2, 3, 6	UA6390	12:10pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6 via Rota
UA6398	6:05pm	6:55pm	Daily	UA6397	4:45pm	5:35pm	Daily
UA6396	9:50pm	10:40pm	Daily	UA6399	8:30pm	9:20pm	Daily
SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)				GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)			
UA6391	1:30pm	2:05pm	1, 4, 5, 7	UA6390	12:10pm	12:45pm	2, 3, 6
ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)				ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN			
UA6391	2:35pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7	UA6390	1:15pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
TW308	1:35am	5:20am	1, 2, 3, 4	7C3402	9:30am	3:00pm	Daily
OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1	ZE581	10:10am	3:55pm	Daily
TW308	2:35am	6:20am	6, 7	TW307	7:00pm	12:35am+1	7
OZ626	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	TW307	7:05pm	12:35am+1	1, 2, 3
7C3403	4:45am	8:30am	Daily	OZ625	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
LJ652	5:20am	9:10am	Daily	TW307	8:05pm	1:35am+1	5, 6
7C3401	4:00pm	7:45pm	Daily	OZ625	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
ZE582	4:45pm	8:35pm	Daily	7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily
				LJ651	10:50pm	4:20am+1	Daily
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7	OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 6
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)				BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN			
MU764	1:30am	6:35am	3, 5, 7	MU763	4:25pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)				GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
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SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)							



YOUNG STYLE FOR KIDS, BY KIDS

THE CENTER STRAND

My hips sway, rolling waves down the grass I braided to make my skirt. If I dance well, eyes closed, the sound of my skirt mimics the sound of the lagoon: waves arriving one after another on the sandy beaches of my home island, Saipan. We dance to the rhythm of coconut shells tapping together, like oars against the sides of a Micronesian outrigger canoe. These are the sounds of prosperity, harvesting wealth from island and reef.

The movements of this dance aren't meant to be sensational, they are meant to be meaningful. My grandmother, my *Nang*, taught me the history of my people as she taught me the movements of the dances. My arms reach up to the sun, which makes our skin bronze and our crops green. My legs plant purposefully into the ground, soil which roots my people in our place. Every movement has a meaning, passed down for thousands of years to me.

When I was a little girl, my *Nang* taught me how to harvest the ti-leaf of the coconut tree (the young branch that shoots into the sky). I strip the ti-leaf to make strands, tie them together with the green chords of the stem, and I place three strips together tied by my string—then I weave. Similar to the movements of my dance, each strand of the braid has meaning. My *Nang* taught me that the first strand represents her and my other ancestors: the previous generations of Chamorros. The center strand represents me and my generation, tied close to my ancestors. The third strand represents our future generations, my children. By weaving these flimsy leaves together, our family becomes strong, flexible, and beautiful. Sitting on mats, woven from

pandanus leaves like sails on our flying *proa*, my grandma explains the metaphor of the ti-leaf braids. Once, and often, my grandma reminds me that, by making my skirt we are braiding our family together, and also binding ourselves together. We are making more than just a skirt, we are making a people and pre-



serving a history.

My grandmother taught me to plant taro, lemmai, and sugar cane, because these were the skills that kept her family alive. These are also distinctly female tasks in the Chamorro culture. The men harvest fish, fanihi (fruit bats), ayuyu (large coconut crabs), and turtles (the only red meat in our ancient diet), but the women are meant to plant the crops. My *Nang* wants me to be a traditional Chamorro woman, but I am destined to disappoint.

Traditionally, in my culture, the woman is less than and behind the man. We are taught to be quiet, unobtrusive, unopinionated, and uneducated. When a woman seeks to elevate her station, or if she challenges the male hierarchy, she is insulted in the most severe fashion, she is labeled "tai respetu." This means one who has forgotten her place, one who shows no respect.

When I leave for college I will certainly be accused

of shirking my duties to my family. I will be called *tai respetu* and I will be discouraged from thinking my own thoughts, speaking my own opinions. But I will go anyway. The world is a different place now, my people cannot exist in ignorance; we cannot compete in this world without education. That I am tied to my ancestors is true, I will not forget. But I am also braided to our future generations and they are tied to me. I must grow in understanding and I must be strong in education. My children will find strength in me as I find strength in my *Nang*.

My name is Nia and I am the center strand of the braid. My mind is as sharp as my pencils, and soon I will attend college in the mainland. I will defy the expectations of my culture in order to better protect it. My dance is languid, my hips seductive, but when you see me in my braided ti-leaf skirt, look at my face. This dance, stories of waves and harvests, is my defiance. I dance to preserve what is under attack. I read, study, and write, for the same reasons. I exist to preserve a valuable history, to protect a threatened island people, and to ensure a future for my children on these shores.

About Brittney

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'Na'fåmta | Hale'ta'

By GENZO MATUA GONZALES
KAGMAN HIGH SCHOOL

Buenas tåtdis para todudus hamyu pågu na bunitun ha'åni. Guåhu si Genzo Matua Gonzales ginen eskuelan tatkilu gi Kagman High School giya i sen gåtbu na Islan Saipan. Man danña hit todú guini para ta' diskuti yan silebra man håyi hit. Pågu bai hu prisenta i kuestionhu ya bai hu oppi, "Kåo prisu i lingguåhimu?" gi hilu' i tema, "Ta Fåta | Hinirensiå-ta."

Para guåhu, sin håfa na dinida gof prisu na ta edyak yan na diåriu kumuentus gi ila'ta o sino fino'ta sa' kutturåmu i lingguåhimu ya yanggin ti un tungu pat ti un na'sesetbi i lingguåhi pues ti i kutturåmu ennåo. Esti i lingguåhi gof metgot sa' ha reprisesenta håyi hao. Un nisisita para un tungu' i kutturåmu yan lingguåhimu sa' kumu ti un tungu' yan ti un na'sesetbi diåriu gi diha pues taimanu para un banidosu, para un agradesi, yan un na'annuk osino fatta i kutturåmu. Nisisåriu yan gof imponenti esti para un magof ni håyi hao yan i rasån kutturåmu.

With this piece, Genzo Matua Gonzales, a Kagman High School sophomore, won first place in a poetry contest on Rota.



The mysterious

By ALEX MEGINO
TANSAM

An interview with Genevieve S. Cabrera, cultural historian at UIU Micronesia, Inc.

Q: What does the soil in Kalabera Cave consist of?

A: Most of the soil in and around the Kalabera, which encompasses a larger area beyond the cave itself, is primarily comprised of clay with high silica and iron content. The amount of iron infused with the silica determines the soil's degree of redness.

Q: Have you tried to explore other caves near Kalabera to see if they contain signs of Chamorro life?

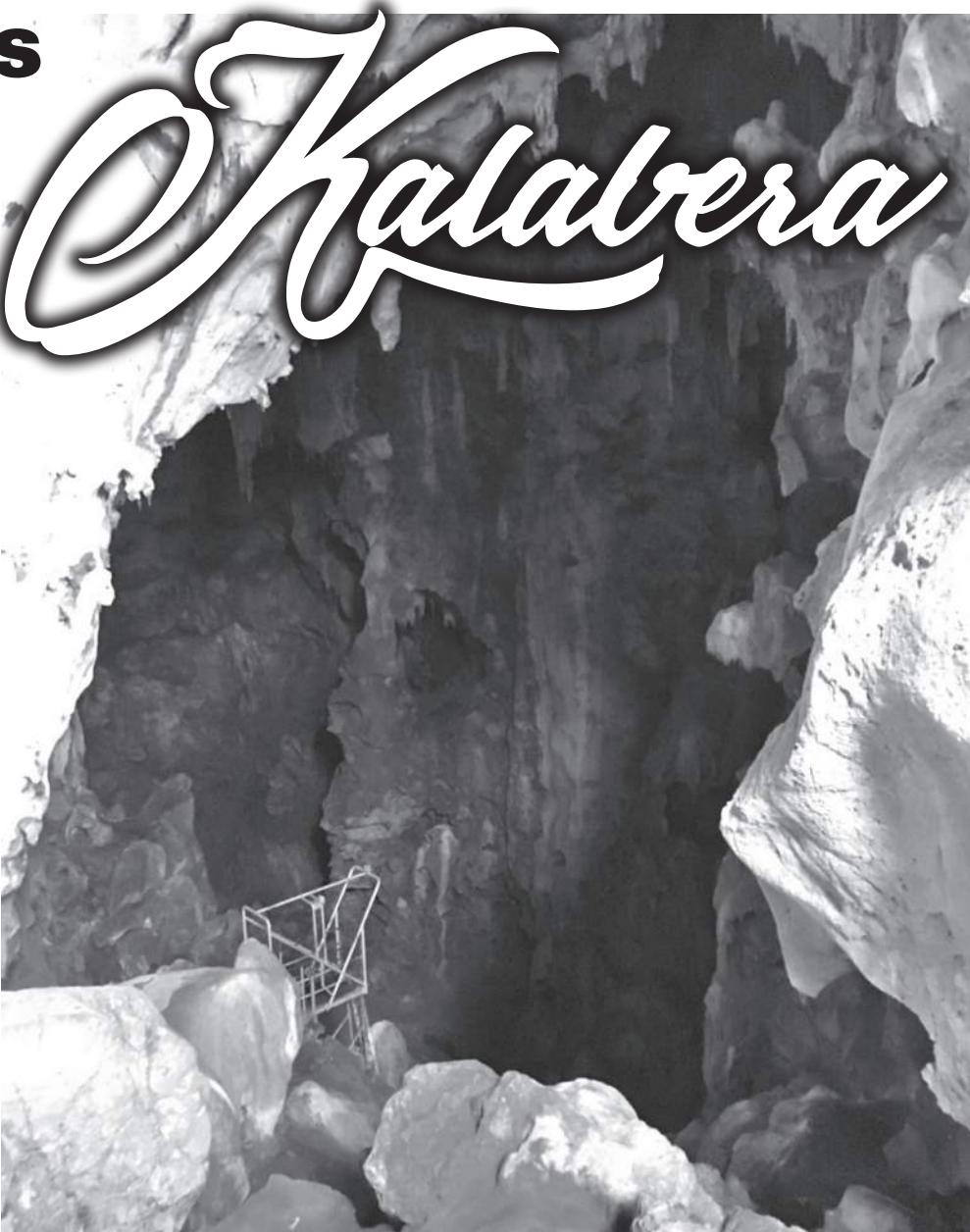


Cabrera

A: I began my field survey of the Kalabera area in 2003. My research is ongoing.

Q: You have said that the cave slopes down. Should tourists proceed down?

A: The inclination of the cave floor at the entrance is fairly steep and there is close to a 60-foot drop down to the cave's middle chamber. There is an additional 100-foot drop within the middle chamber's northern sector. Visitors to the cave are not allowed past the walkway because of these drops in elevation and the danger they present. The plaques near the Latte House serve to provide visitors information about the cave's rock art.



Q: What objects were found in Kalabera?

A: The artifacts and natural cave features tell a little bit more about the ancient Chamorro and their way of living at the time they inhabited the Kalabera area. The cave and its immediate surroundings have seen human use for the past 3,400 years. The Marianas Archipelago was the first island chain in Micronesia to have been inhabited 4,000 years ago. Since its development, there is evidence of increasing vandalism to the

artifacts and the site's natural features, which is most unfortunate. We must learn to cherish our cultural and historic sites so the future generations of islanders and visitors can appreciate, enjoy, and take pride in the part the site plays in Saipan's story.

Q: Why do you think the Chamorros selected this cave? Why didn't they try to pick other caves?

A: This is a really fun question because we can spend an entire day trying to answer it. It is not known definitively

why the ancient Chamorro selected Kalabera as a habitation site, and more specifically, to have chosen the cave to "house" human skulls. The ancient Chamorro did utilize other caves in and around their villages and hamlets throughout the archipelago.

Q: How much space exactly did the ancient Chamorros take up? How deep did they dig their rooms?

A: We do not have evidence to date that indicates that the ancient Chamorro modified naturally existing caves

and cave systems to suit their needs per se. It appears that they utilized what nature provided.

Q: How many people on average come to this tourist attraction?

A: Kalabera Cave is one of the most consistently visited sites on Saipan before and after the recent development. It is visited everyday of the week from sunrise to sunset, and very likely during the wee hours at night when vandals are known to be most active.

Q: Why do you suggest people to come to Kalabera?

A: I recommend a visit to Kalabera Cave because it is an opportunity to learn more about Saipan's history, about its indigenous inhabitants, and the many layers of historical cultural events that occurred at the site. A visit to Kalabera Cave is one of the more fun ways to learn something new outside of a classroom setting.

Q: Could other islanders have lived with the Chamorros?

A: Yes. We have two native groups in the Northern Mariana Islands, namely the Chamorro and Carolinians. The interaction between the two groups goes back further than the early 19th century when larger groups from the central Carolines came to Saipan to settle after a series of devastating typhoons destroyed their island homes. Nowadays we have every Micronesian island group represented in the NMI along with islanders from Polynesia and Melanesia.

Q: What's the purpose of living in a cave situated near a steep cliff, near Bird Island?

A: We do not know, with any certainty, why the ancient Chamorro chose to settle or utilize the Kalabera site.

Megino is a 7th grade student of TANSAM.

By MATTHEW BOYLE, OWEN HAGGERTY, PAOLA LERIDA, and FIONA NICHOLAS
KIDSAY

We were invited to attend a screening of "Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2" in Manhattan recently. It was very exciting because we all enjoyed the first "Guardians of the Galaxy" movie, and we were eager to see the new one. The movie was action-packed with adventure and also had some comedy.

Part of the story was about a dad (played by Kurt Russell) in search of his son because he needs him to take over and destroy the universe.

Peter Quill (Chris Pratt) and his galaxy friends join to fight galactic enemies. It seemed like every few minutes there was a fight scene; that kept us very interested in the movie. Our favorite scene was when

the Guardians were in a fight with a giant monster. It was the first scene and it immediately gets you excited to see what is going to happen next. The plot twists really took us off guard. In the end, it shows that practice, determination, hope, friendship, trust and loyalty win over evil.

All of the actors did a great job but our favorite character was Drax, played by Dave Bautista. We liked him because he was very funny.

The movie "had a great soundtrack with some old songs like 'Father and Son' by Cat Stevens," said Matt.

"Watching the movie in 3D was amazing because it felt like you were really in the movie," said Owen.

Fiona said, "Although I don't usually like science-fiction/action movies, I really enjoy 'Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2,' because

it was filled with funny and serious scenes."

Paola said, "Some of the

scenes in the movie were hysterical.

For example, when Rocket Raccoon was telling baby Groot which button to push to blow up Peter's dad's core. This scene was funny because nobody on the planet had tape to cover the death button."

Overall, we would rank the movie 4 out of 5 smiles.

The movie is rated PG-13. We think that is a fair rating because there are some bad words. We would recommend seeing the movie in 3D like we did because it really makes you feel like you are part of the movie. It makes it feel very realistic.

Matthew Boyle, Owen Haggerty, Paola Lerida, and Fiona Nicholas are Kidsday reporters.

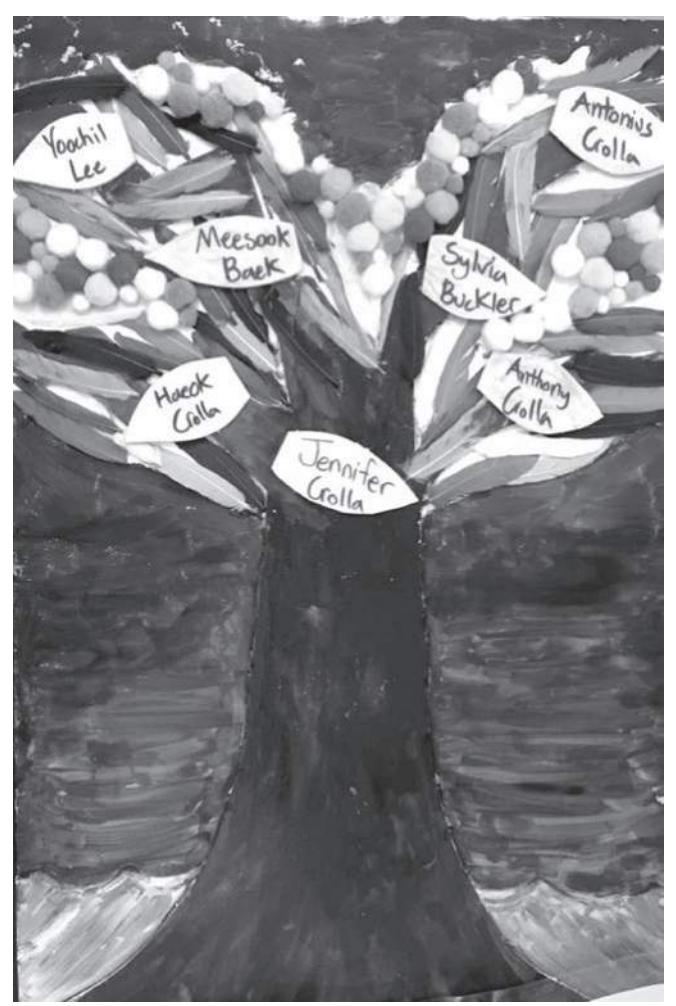
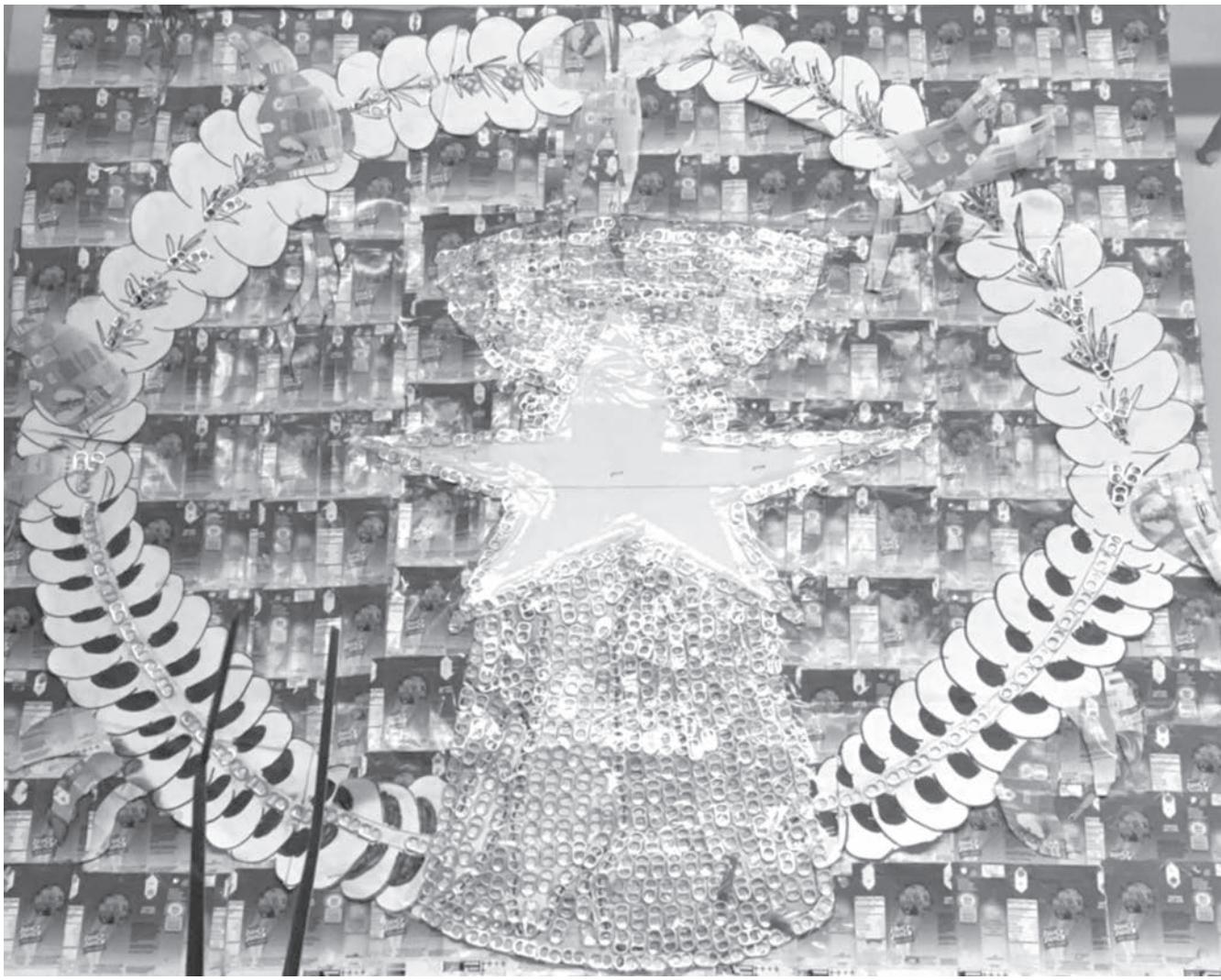
EXCITING ACTION IN GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY VOL. 2'



MARVEL STUDIOS/DISNEY VIA AP

This image released by Disney shows the Rocket, voiced by Bradley Cooper, left, and Groot, voiced by Vin Diesel in a scene from Marvel's "Guardians Of The Galaxy Vol. 2."

Spending a day with the students of Chacha Ocean View Middle School.



Featuring Joedy Pinaula, Lucio Aldan, Devin Kapileo/Mr. Sangalang, Pioris Misa, Clement John Santos/Mr. Sangalang, Armani Adkins, Jady-lynn Blas, Austin Cabrera, Akieko Atinisom/Mr. Sangalang, CTE/6th grade. Jennifer Crolla/Mrs. Rose Taimanao-Jones, CCLHS/8th grade. Meleanne Mendiola/Mrs. Rose Taimanao-Jones, CCLHS/7th grade. Mrs. Rose Taimanao-Jones CCLHS Class Project/7th and 8th grade. Gloria Niah Deleon Guerrero/Mrs. Rose Taimanao-Jones, CCLHS/8th grade. Ilea Nicholas/Mrs. Rose Taimanao-Jones, CCLHS/8th grade.

Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

RIDDLE SEARCH – BARBECUE SUPPLIES

Look up, down, and diagonally, both forward and backward to find every word on the list. Circle each one as you find it. When all the words are circled, take the UNUSED letters and write them on the blanks below. Go from left to right and top to bottom to find the answer to this riddle: What do spiders eat at summer cookouts?

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Even Exchange

by Donna Pettman

Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

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| 2. Legislative body | — — N — — — | Placid | — — D — — — |
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| 4. Dress | — R — — — | Group of geese | — L — — — |
| 5. Sewing basket item | — — — — — D | Intimidation | — — — — — T |
| 6. Law enforcement | — — — — C — | Mannerly | — — — — T — |
| 7. Park chair | — — N — — — | Seaside sand | — — A — — — |
| 8. Horse's head strap | H — — — — — | Mitty or Matthau | W — — — — — |
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| 10. Coop sound | — L — — — — | Throw carelessly | — — H — — — |

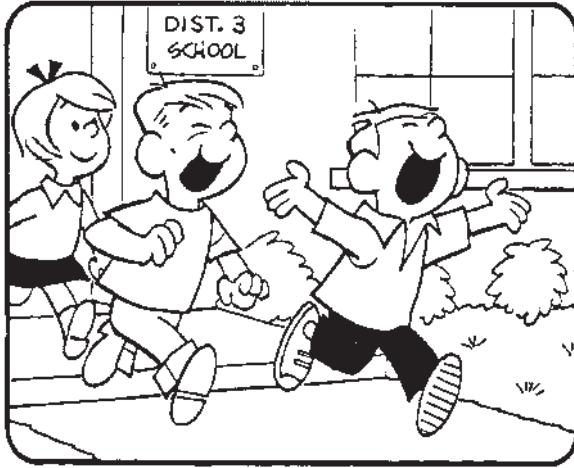
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Answers: 1. Number 1 is missing. 2. Arm is moved. 3. School sign is different.

4. Number 2 is missing. 5. Arm is moved. 6. Shirt is open.

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Business

World Bank: Global economy growing 2.7 percent this year

WASHINGTON (AP)—The world economy will pick up speed this year and next, helped by steadier commodity prices and a pickup in global trade, the World Bank said Sunday.

The anti-poverty agency predicts 2.7 percent growth this year and 2.9 percent in 2018, improving on 2016's 2.4 percent expansion.

The bank sees the U.S. economy growing 2.1 percent this year, up from 1.6 percent in 2016, and the 19-country eurozone expanding 1.7 percent, down a notch from 1.8 percent. Japan is expected to grow 1.5 percent, fastest pace since 2013 and up from 1 percent last year. China's deceleration will continue - from 6.7 percent growth last year to 6.5 percent in 2017 to 6.3 percent in 2018 - as the country moves away from unsustainable growth fueled by often-wasteful investment and toward slower, steadier growth based on consumer spending.

The bank's outlook for global growth was unchanged.

Survey: Economists expect slower US growth

DETROIT (AP)—Forecasts for U.S. economic growth are coming in slightly lower after a weak first quarter, according to a survey of business economists released Monday.

The National Association for Business Economists says it's expecting gross domestic product growth of 2.2 percent this year and 2.4 percent in 2018. Those forecasts are down 0.1 percentage points from a survey in March. The survey is based on responses from 52 professional forecasters.

The gross domestic product—the broadest gauge of the



A street vendor wheels through commuters on a sidewalk near the bus stands during the morning rush hour in Beijing, Monday, June 5, 2017.

from a forecast it published January—a surprising bit of good news: In the sluggish aftermath of the 2007-2009 Great Recession, the bank repeatedly had to downgrade its original forecasts as hoped-for improvements never arrived.

But the environment worldwide is looking sunnier. Commodity prices are bouncing back from a freefall that began in 2014, taking down two

years of growth. The bank sees oil prices rising 24 percent and non-energy commodity prices climbing 4 percent this year.

World trade is expected to grow 4 percent in 2017, the fastest in three years.

Still, the bank calls the recovery "fragile" and warns of risks from protectionism, geopolitical conflict and possibly financial fallout from expected interest-rate increases in the United States.

economy—expanded in the January-March quarter at a 1.2 percent annual rate. That was better than initially forecast, but still weak. Unseasonably warm weather was one reason for the slow growth, since it limited spending on utilities.

Economists forecast GDP growth will rise 3.1 percent in the April-June period and 2.5 percent in the second half of the year. They're forecasting solid hiring and a low, 4.5-percent unemployment rate, which should help boost consumer spending. Inflation also is expected to remain in check

Most of the economists

surveyed believe President Donald Trump will enact an infrastructure plan and cut corporate and individual taxes before the end of 2018. That will have a positive impact on economic growth, but likely not until 2018, the survey said.

There are downside risks. Just over one-third of the panelists say trade protectionism, a strong U.S. dollar and higher interest rates could pose a risk to the economy in 2018. But 60 percent say there's more chance of an upside risk thanks to expected corporate tax reform, individual tax cuts and infrastructure spending.

Perry on Sunday had inspected the Fukushima nuclear plant and offered continuing U.S. support for decommissioning the plant, which is expected to take decades.

"We offer continued support, expertise, companies that have history of dealing with cleanups and technology available as well as the department of energy," he said. "I want to bring the strong support of the current administration to Japan and any assistance that we can, as we go forward in the cleanup and the decommissioning of those facilities."

US energy chief reassures Japan of commitment to environment

TOKYO (AP)—The U.S. energy secretary reassured Japan on Monday that his country is committed to tackling environmental issues and to promoting clean energy even though the country is leaving the Paris climate accord.

Energy Secretary Rick Perry told his Japanese counterpart, Hiroshige Seko, during their talks in Tokyo that the U.S. commitment to environment is unchanged, according to Kazushige Tanaka, a Japanese industry ministry official who was at the talks.

Perry's comment comes days after President Donald Trump announced the U.S. would withdraw from the Paris accord, a decision that has

triggered international disappointment and criticism.

Perry said America, as it has

led the effort in tackling carbon reduction and clean coal technology, will continue to be a leader in developing clean energy and its technology.

He agreed with Seko on Japan-U.S. cooperation in clean energy and environment, as well as other areas including nuclear energy, cleanup of the Fukushima nuclear power plant damaged by the 2011 earthquake and tsunami.

Japan had little previous experience of decommissioning a nuclear plant, even one that operated normally, so the country has been learning from the 1979 accident at Three Mile

Nation

Suspect in Portland fatal stabbing made life about hate after prison

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—

The suspect charged with fatally stabbing two Portland men who tried to stop his anti-Muslim tirade against two teenage girls built a life around hate speech and his right to use it.

Jeremy Joseph Christian, who has spent much of his adulthood behind bars, littered social media with erratic and menacing posts about his hatred of just about everything and everyone. He made death threats against Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump and ranted when Facebook deleted an anti-Semitic update.

"There is no feeling like being muzzled. Cut out your tongue," he wrote in one post.

After years of spewing anger, prosecutors say, Christian acted on his fury last week aboard a light-rail train. He's accused of screaming anti-Muslim insults at the girls, ages 16 and 17, and then slitting the throats of three men who came to their defense. Two of the men died, and a third was seriously wounded.

Christian continued screaming about free speech in the back of a patrol car, according to court documents.

Texas lawmakers make few moves to address pregnancy deaths

AUSTIN, Texas (AP)—

Lawmakers in Texas largely failed to take any significant action to address the state's skyrocketing rate of pregnancy-related deaths just months after researchers found it to be the highest in not only the U.S., but the developed world.

Legislators introduced proposals to address the issue after a University of Maryland-led study found that the state's maternal mortality rate doubled between 2010 and 2012. But several key measures didn't even make it to a vote, falling victim to Republican infighting over other issues.

"We had a chance to move the needle and we really failed to do so," said state Sen. Lois Kolkhorst, a Republican from the town of Brenham, west of Houston. "Certainly, as we develop in medicine, we can do better to take care of women in today's society versus past societies. I'm very disappointed."

Because this year's session has ended, lawmakers

"Get stabbed in your neck if you hate free speech," he is quoted as saying. "I can die in prison a happy man."

The 35-year-old has not yet entered a plea, and neither his court-appointed defense attorney nor relatives or acquaintances returned messages from The Associated Press. In a statement, his family apologized and expressed horror at the May 26 killings.

A review of court documents and social media postings paint a picture of a young man who hardened as he spent years in prison. The violence and anger he marshaled against prison guards morphed into a disciplined rage at the world upon his release as he struggled to find a job and a purpose.

After years of disciplinary infractions and self-imposed hunger strikes, Christian suddenly found himself selling comic books on the street, where he was once mistaken for a homeless person. He grew increasingly angry that people he met didn't want to talk about his views.

"In my Portland you can have a serious conversation about Politics Spirituality or Philosophy without being interrupted and informed you aren't being PC," he wrote shortly after being released from his most recent stint in federal prison. "Where I come from PC people are in Protective Custody where they belong so they don't get killed."

Christian grew up with several older brothers in a modest home in north Portland, obtained his GED and attended some community college. He was a prolific writer both in and out of prison, and he penned a poem at age 18 titled "Prayers for Death."

His first encounter with the legal system came two years later when he was arrested on felony charges for robbing a corner market.

At the time, he was confused and scared and seemed like a softer person, his former defense attorney, Matt Kaplan, said in a phone interview. He thought his client might be suicidal.

"This is really sad because he didn't have any of this Nazi, alt-right mentality or anything," Kaplan said, describing Christian as "a good kid from a good neighborhood. His parents were nice, and I had so much hope that he would not turn out this way."

depression, is it aftercare?" said Kolkhorst. "Are there things we could do pre-birth that would help with post-birth?"

The extension of the task force is "vital for us to be able to understand the causes and preventive measures" of so many Texas mothers' fatalities, said Lisa Hollier, the task force's chairwoman.

"The detailed case reviews we are doing are essential to understanding the actual causes of death," said Hollier, explaining that even though her committee has found that cardiac problems are a leading cause of pregnancy-related deaths, that alone "doesn't lead to specific information for appropriate intervention programs."

State Rep. Shawn Thierry sought to look into one particularly disturbing trend that the Texas task force had found: Black women make up 11 percent of births, but 28 percent of death. Thierry, a Democrat from Houston, wanted to compare the risk of black women in different income brackets.

Asia

Du30 to extremists: No talks

MANILA, Philippines

(AP)—Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte said Sunday that he will not negotiate with militants aligned with the Islamic State group who are holding hostages in a besieged southern city, and that he has ordered troops to kill the gunmen even if they slaughter the hostages.

The tough-talking Duterte issued his strongest warning yet to the local and foreign militants, whose stunning siege of Marawi has dragged on for nearly two weeks. Troops have battled to regain control of most of the lakeside city, but the militants, who are believed to be holding a Catholic priest and many other hostages, continue to control pockets of territory.

At least 178 people have been killed in Marawi, the heartland of Islamic faith in the southern Philippines, since hundreds of gunmen waving Islamic State-style black flags rampaged across the city on May 23, burning some buildings and occupying others as they battled troops backed by airstrikes and artillery fire.

The dead include 120 militants, 20 civilians and 38 soldiers and policemen.

"I was asked if I could negotiate. I'm telling you now, you can kill all those you're holding now, but I won't talk to you," Duterte said in a speech before peace talks advocates at an air base in the central city of Lapu-Lapu. "My order really is to shoot you and to shoot you dead."

While he sounded tough, Duterte said troops have held back from indiscriminately bombing away at the militants with newly acquired fighter jets and ending the urban insurrection in a day because the government has to assure the safety of civilians trapped in



In this Thursday, June 1, 2017 photo, Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte gestures during his speech at a swearing in ceremony of officials of various municipalities at the Malacanang presidential palace in Manila, Philippines.

the fighting.

Nearly 1,500 residents have been rescued from neighborhoods at the scenes of clashes, including 179 people who were plucked from danger after troops held their fire for four hours Sunday in a "humanitarian pause" to allow the rescue in specific areas, military spokesman Brig. Restituto Padilla said.

Marawi officials estimate that about 2,000 residents remained trapped in their houses and many have run out of food and water.

Officials say they have no idea how many civilians are being held hostage by the gunmen, but a Catholic priest, the Rev. Teresito Suganob, said in a video that he and about 200 other captives, including children, were being held by the militants. Suganob apparently

spoke under duress in the video, which recently appeared online.

The Marawi siege followed an unsuccessful May 23 army raid that attempted to capture a top terror suspect, Isnilon Hapilon, who has been designated by the Islamic State group as its leader in Southeast Asia.

Hapilon, who was wounded in an airstrike in a nearby town in January, was reportedly wounded anew in the foot by gunfire but escaped. Gunmen loyal to him swept through the city of 200,000 people, torching buildings and taking hostages. Up to 90 percent of Marawi's people have fled to safety.

Duterte has declared martial law across the southern third of the Philippines to deal with the most serious crisis of his year-old presidency.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Russia says North Korea nukes are a 'direct threat'

SINGAPORE (AP)—North Korea's nuclear ambitions are threatening to Russia, a Russian official said Sunday. "It is not only (a) ballistic missile defense system - it has real function," said Deputy Defense Minister Alexander Fomin. "That is why it is alarming. And it is direct threat to Russia. We are convinced that it will increase the tensions of the region. That is our principle position." Fomin spoke at the Shangri-La Dialogue, an international security conference in Singapore attended by defense ministers and experts from 39 countries, including U.S. Defense Secretary Jim Mattis. Russia borders North Korea and saw one of Pyongyang's missiles land close to its waters. But it differs from the U.S. and its allies on how to rein in the North's rapidly escalating nuclear and ballistic missile program. Backing fresh sanctions on

North Korea, Russia's deputy U.N. ambassador Vladimir Safronov stressed in June that "the choice here has to be made in favor of using diplomatic tools to the maximum extent possible." Fomin had similar sentiments.

Mattis: US and allies 'don't scare' in face of IS attacks

SYDNEY (AP)—U.S. Defense Secretary Jim Mattis says the United States and its allies are not intimidated by Islamic State violence. In remarks at the opening of U.S.-Australian talks in Sydney, Mattis said the allies are united in their resolve to defend against IS. He did not mention the latest deadly attack in London, but he said IS is wrong to think that by perpetrating violence, it can "scare us." Mattis said. "We don't scare." He and Secretary of State Rex Tillerson are holding talks with their Australian counterparts.

World

12 arrested in London attack

LONDON (AP)—British

police arrested a dozen people Sunday in a widening terrorism investigation after attackers using a van and large knives turned a balmy evening of nightlife into a bloodbath and killed seven people in the heart of London. The Islamic State group claimed responsibility.

Although the attackers were also dead, authorities raced to determine whether they had accomplices, and Prime Minister Theresa May warned that the country faced a new threat from copycat attacks.

The country's major political parties temporarily suspended campaigning with only days to go before the general election. May said the vote would take place as scheduled Thursday because "violence can never be allowed to disrupt the democratic process."

The assault unfolded over a few terrifying minutes late Saturday, starting when a rented van veered off the road and barreled into pedestrians on busy London Bridge. Three men then got out of the vehicle with large knives and attacked people at bars and restaurants in nearby Borough Market until they were shot dead by police.

"They went 'This is for Allah,' and they had a woman on the floor. They were stabbing her," witness Gerard

Vowles said.

Florin Morariu, a Romanian chef who works in the Bread Ahead bakery, said he saw people running and some fainting. Then two people approached another person and "began to stick the knife in ... and then I froze and I didn't know what to do."

He said he managed to get near one attacker and "hit him around the head" with a bread basket.

"There was a car with a loudspeaker saying 'go, go' and they (police) threw a grenade. ... and then I ran," he said.

London police said officers killed the attackers within eight minutes of arriving at the scene. Eight officers fired some 50 rounds, said Assistant Commissioner Mark Rowley, the force's head of counterterrorism.

Islamic State's statement from its Aamaq news agency claimed the group's "fighters" were responsible, the SITE Intelligence Group said Sunday. IS has urged supporters to weaponize vehicles in attacks against the West.

It was the third attack in Britain this year that Islamic State has claimed—including the similar attack on Westminster Bridge in March and the Manchester concert bombing two weeks ago—and one of several involving vehicles in Europe, including last year's Bastille

Day rampage in the French city of Nice.

The three attackers Saturday were wearing what appeared to be suicide belts, but the belts turned out to be fake. Investigators were working to determine whether others assisted them, Rowley said.

A bystander was also wounded by the gunfire, but the civilian's injuries were not believed to be critical.

Forty-eight people, including two police officers, were treated at hospitals. Twenty-one remained in critical condition Sunday. Among the wounded were German, French, Spanish and Australian citizens, officials said.

Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said a Canadian woman was among the dead, and a French national was also confirmed dead.

Counterterrorism officers raided several addresses in Barking, an east London suburb, and arrested 12 people there Sunday, police said.

Neighbors at the site of one raid in Barking said a man who lived there resembled one of the attackers shown in news photographs.

"He's lived here for about three years," Damien Petit said. "He's one of our neighbors. I've said hello in passing more than 50, 60 occasions. He has two young kids. He was a very nice guy."

4 nations cut diplomatic ties to Qatar

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP)—Four Arab

nations cut diplomatic ties to Qatar early Monday morning, further deepening a rift among Gulf Arab nations over that country's support for Islamist groups and its relations with Iran.

Bahrain, Egypt, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates all announced they would withdraw their diplomatic staff from Qatar, a gas-rich nation that will host the 2022 FIFA World Cup and is home to a major U.S. military base. Saudi Arabia also said Qatari troops would be pulled from the ongoing war in Yemen.

The countries also were ejecting Qatar's diplomats from their territories. The Qatari government has not responded to the severing of diplomatic ties, though it has previously denied funding extremist groups.

All the nations also said they planned to cut air and sea traffic. Saudi Arabia said it also would shut its

land border with Qatar, effectively cutting off the country from the rest of the Arabian Peninsula.

It wasn't immediately clear how Monday's announcement would affect Qatar Airways, one of the region's major long-haul carriers that routinely flies through Saudi airspace. The airline did not immediately respond to a request for comment. Etihad, the Abu Dhabi-based carrier, said it would suspend flights to Qatar "until further notice."

Even before Monday, Qatar had appeared unperturbed by the growing tensions. On May 27, Qatar's ruling emir, Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, called Iranian President Hasan Rouhani to congratulate him on his re-election.

The call was a clear, public rebuttal of Saudi Arabia's efforts to force Qatar to fall in line against the Shiite-ruled nation, which the Sunni kingdom sees as its No. 1 enemy and a threat to regional

stability. Qatar shares a massive offshore gas field with the Islamic Republic.

Qatar is also home to the sprawling al-Udeid Air Base, which is home to the U.S. military's Central Command and some 10,000 American troops. It wasn't clear if the decision would affect American military operations. Central Command officials and the Pentagon did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Saudi Arabia said it took the decision to cut diplomatic ties due to Qatar's "embrace of various terrorist and sectarian groups aimed at destabilizing the region" including the Muslim Brotherhood, al-Qaida, the Islamic State group and groups supported by Iran in the kingdom's restive eastern province of Qatif. Egypt's Foreign Ministry accused Qatar of taking an "antagonist approach" toward Egypt and said "all attempts to stop it from supporting terrorist groups failed."

Overdrive

Mercedes raises the roof on S63 AMG performance

By BARRY SPYKER
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

It was 50 years ago that automotive engineers Hans Werner Aufrecht and Erhard Melcher started the iconic AMG in Burgstall, Germany, where they developed and tested racing engines for Mercedes-Benz. They later took aggressive styling and performance to new heights, too.

But surely they never dreamed all their efforts could wind up in a luxury convertible, built for comfort and panache. Well, Mercedes apparently dreamed it. Mercedes this year added a Cabriolet to the 2017 S63 AMG and introduced a surprising new world of top-down driving.

The Cabrio is a gutsy, high-performance car with power (577 horsepower) and torque (664 pound-feet) and a zero-to-60 time of 3.7 seconds. At the same time, it is perhaps the most sophisticated convertible you'll ever experience.

First off, wind blast is nearly gone with Mercedes' Air Cap system, comprised of a wind deflector that rises above the windshield plus a windscreen that goes up behind the rear seats to prevent back flow. Hats stay on heads and even quiet conversation is possible.

When it gets chilly, Mercedes' Air Scarf system vents warm air onto the necks of the driver and front passenger with the press of a button inside the center console. And then heated seats (front and rear), heated steering wheel and heated arm rests on the doors and center console turn the dream of a topless snowy-mountain drive into real-



The Mercedes 2017 S63 AMG Cabriolet.

NUTS & BOLTS	
2017 Mercedes-Benz S63 AMG Cabriolet	
■ MSRP:	\$176,400
■ As tested:	\$218,325 (with multiple options packages, including carbon ceramic brakes, carbon fiber and Burmester audio)
■ What's all the excitement about?	A three-layer convertible top with wind control and body-warmers on a super-fast AMG S63
■ Powertrain:	5.5-liter V-8 twin turbo engine mated to 7-speed AMG Speedshift transmission
■ How's the performance?	Crisp handling aided by Airmatic sport suspension; 0-60 mph in 3.7 seconds
■ What about fuel economy?	EPA-estimated 17 mpg combined (14 city, 22 highway)

ity. Imagine viewing white-capped mountains on a brisk day—with the top down.

If it gets too blustery, by the way, there's no need to pull over; the top can be raised (or lowered) while driving at speeds up to 31 mph. It takes 19 seconds.

Buyers of this admittedly pricey two-door, four-passenger cabriolet probably aren't in it for the power, but the machine delivers punch and road grip anyway. And with none of the compromises that typically come with ripping the roof off—unless you count the loss of the S63's sleek profile.

You get the same powerful twin-turbo 5.5-liter V-8 that comes with other S63 AMGs,

mated to a 7-speed automatic transmission with paddle shifters. The transmission uses what's called a wet clutch system, which is smooth-shifting at moderate and higher speeds but tends to be more temperamental at slower speeds.

Traction is enhanced by Mercedes' 4Matic all-wheel-drive system (standard), and its Airmatic sport suspension keeps the big boat well-controlled on corners while smoothing out the rough spots around town. The adaptive system peers ahead for bumps and dips and adjusts the suspension accordingly, making for spectacular ride comfort.

Steering is light and breezy, and stopping can be

sharpened with available carbon ceramic brakes (but that'll be another \$8,950).

A start-stop feature efforts to boost fuel economy but, alas, the 5,000-pound beast, in my driving, managed even less than the EPA-estimated 14 mpg in town and 22 mpg on the highway. That adds up to another \$1,000 in gas-guzzler tax.

Inside, seats are plush and supportive. Opt for multi-contoured seats for more adjustments and six massage settings, including one that simulates hot stone therapy. Rear-seat passengers get the same comfort and massage features, but rear legroom is limited compared to others in

this luxury segment.

Also limited is trunk space: 12.4 cubic feet with the top up, only 8.8 cubes when the top is down.

Infotainment is managed by Mercedes' COMAND system and is easy enough to navigate. The instrument panel is bright and graphics are crisp and within easy view. For top-shelf audio, another \$6,400 buys a premium Burmester 3-D system with 24 speakers.

Options on color combinations, leather, trims and accents seem endless with the S63. Even air freshening comes in a selection of four fragrances. Decisions, decisions.

A carbon fiber package

(\$6,500) includes front splitter, rocker panel inserts, mirror covers, rear diffuser insert and engine cover. And a Driver Assistance package adds high-tech safety features like lane-keep assist, automatic braking that includes pedestrians, and rear-end collision protection. Collision mitigation and drowsy-driver warning come standard.

At these prices—we're talking \$200,000 plus—the AMG S63 is not for the financially timid. But for those with the bucks, it is among the most pampering top-down rides in the world.

no-interest, six-month repair financing. If the customer has any apprehensions, Matt insists the customer come back to the shop and consult directly with him and the technician before the job proceeds.

During the repair process, customers can use the app to track previously performed services, arrange future appointments, and view a checklist of any recommended fixes that were not completed during their last visit. The app also produces repair job progress reports and sends customers a notification once their car is ready for pickup. In the event a service can't be completed in the promised time, a complimentary rental car is provided. Matt far exceeds California's 90-day, 4,000

mile required service warranty by offering three-year, 36,000-mile coverage on all services performed. And that's honored nationwide.

I was blown away by the level of sophistication Matt employs managing his business. In addition to being an Automotive Service Council and Bosch Car Service board member, he goes to great lengths to provide top-tier training for his techs and mentoring for interns. He's in the process of setting up each tech with a networked tablet, which he hopes will speed the vehicle inspection and recommendation process and bring service information and diagnostic connectivity directly to the vehicle fender. From his smartphone, anywhere he

goes, Matt can view every aspect of the shop, check the status of each job, and upload comments or corrections to vehicle repair information on a customer's app. He's bound and determined to change the way auto service is performed, one customer at a time.

By telling Matt's story, I hope to show that shops like this do exist. My only compensation for mentioning all this is learning a lot and making another new friend in the auto service community.

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UNDER THE HOOD:

Here's what a first-class repair shop looks like

By BRAD BERGHOLDT
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Q: My trusted mechanic retired and closed his shop a couple of years ago, and I've had a heck of a time finding a good replacement. Most of them just don't seem as sharp, or they simply want to replace parts until whatever's troubling my car — a 2011 BMW — goes away. I don't live near a BMW dealership and I've generally enjoyed the more personal service of smaller repair shops. Are there any good ones still out there?—Jake R., Montrose, Colo.

A: I just spent some time getting to know Matt Ogbanian,

owner of Made in Japan/USA/Europe, an independent repair shop in Campbell, Calif. As an automotive technology teacher, it's important I meet and forge relationships with dealers, independent shops and fleet operations so I can better understand how to prepare my students for the demands and expectations of this rapidly changing industry. Besides technical skills and reliability, information competency and electronic communication skills are in high demand by employers. I was highly impressed with how Matt runs his business and hope by sharing some of his practices folks might see how a first-rate shop gets things done.

Made in Japan/USA/Europe records all customer calls to ensure proper practices are followed and prevent misunderstandings. After checking their vehicle in, customers are escorted home or to work by a shuttle driver. When a vehicle inspection is performed, all areas of concern are photographed and uploaded to an app, along with descriptions of recommended actions and options. An email is then sent to the customer with a link to the app, which also includes the vehicle's repair history and previous recommendations. Customers, asked to view the information, then receive a call shortly thereafter to discuss a plan of action and, if desired,

Life & Style

Grande

MANCHESTER, England (AP)—Ariana Grande paid tribute to the city of Manchester, England, on Sunday with an energetic, all-star concert that raised millions for victims of a suicide bombing that tore through her last performance in the city nearly two weeks ago.

Grande was emotional and teary-eyed throughout the One Love Manchester concert Sunday, which the British Red Cross said it raised more than £10 million (\$13 million) for the We Love Manchester Emergency Fund, created for those affected by the attack at Grande's May 22 show.

She closed the three-hour-plus event with a cover of "Over the Rainbow," crying onstage at the song's end as the audience cheered her on.

"Manchester, I love you with all of my heart," Grande said before the performance, and just after singing "One Last Time" with Miley Cyrus, Pharrell and more of the show's performers standing behind her in solidarity.

Grande enlisted some of music's biggest names for the benefit concert, including Justin Bieber, Katy Perry and Liam Gallagher.

Gallagher, formerly of Oa-



In this Sunday, June 4, 2017, handout photo provided by Danny Lawson for One Love Manchester, singer Ariana Grande performs at the One Love Manchester tribute concert in Manchester, north western England, Sunday, June 4, 2017. AP

sis, earned loud cheers from the audience as he emerged in his home town in surprise form. He sang and offered encouraging words to the crowd, who held inspirational signs in their hands.

One of the most powerful moments was when the Parrs Wood High School Choir

performed Grande's "My Everything" with the singer. The 23-year-old pop star held the young lead performer's hand, both with tears in their eyes, as the rest of the singers joined in.

Perry also left a mark with her resilient performance: She sang a stripped down version of her hit, "Part of Me."

Backed by two singers and a guitarist, she delivered the song wearing all white, singing, "Throw your sticks and your stones, throw your bombs and your blows, but you're not gonna break my soul."

"I encourage you to choose love even when it's difficult. Let no one take that away

from you," she said.

Bieber shared similar words onstage, even coming close to crying when he spoke about God and those who died at Grande's show.

"(God) loves you and he's here for you. I wanna take this moment to honor the people that were lost, that were tak-

'Wonder Woman' conquers milestone with \$100.5M debut

NEW YORK (AP)—"Wonder Woman" conquered milestones and movie myths at North American theaters, where the Patty Jenkins-directed superhero film powered its way to a \$100.5 million debut this weekend and became the biggest blockbuster ever directed by a woman.

The well-reviewed movie easily surpassed industry expectations with one of the summer's biggest debuts, according to studio estimates Sunday. Starring Gal Gadot as the Amazonian warrior princess, "Wonder Woman" is the rare—and most successful—female-led film in an overwhelmingly male superhero landscape.

Jenkins, who previously directed 2003's "Monster" starring Charlize Theron, now holds the record for biggest domestic opening for a female director. The previous mark was Sam Taylor-Johnson's "Fifty Shades of Grey," with \$85.1 million in 2015.

Some still had issues with "Wonder Woman." Online critics complained of gender inequality after the Alamo Drafthouse scheduled a handful of female-only screenings across the country. Lebanon banned the film because Gadot is Israeli.

\$23.5 million.

But "Pirates" still sails well overseas. It's made \$386.6 million internationally, driving the Disney sequel to more than \$500 million globally.

The success of "Wonder Woman" gave the summer box office a much-needed charge. Thus far, the season's only blockbuster has been its first: "Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2." It has made \$355.5 million in North America and \$816.6 million worldwide.

"Wonder Woman," though, pushed the week's box office up 30 percent over the same week last year, according to comScore.

"This saves the day, at least for now, for the summer box office," said Paul Dergarabedian, senior media analyst for comScore. "Heading into this weekend, the summer movie season was down about 9 percent, and that deficit has been cut by about half in this one weekend."

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theaters, according to comScore. Where avail-

able, the latest international numbers also are included. Final domestic figures will be released Monday.

1. **"Wonder Woman,"** \$100.5 million (\$122.5 million international).
2. **"Captain Underpants: The First Epic Movie,"** \$23.5 million.
3. **"Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Men Tell No Tales,"** \$21.6 million (\$73.8 million international).
4. **"Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2,"** \$9.7 million (\$4.4 million international).
5. **"Baywatch,"** \$8.5 million (\$23.8 million international).
6. **"Alien: Covenant,"** \$4 million (\$3.7 million international).
7. **"Everything Everywhere,"** \$3.3 million.
8. **"Snatched,"** \$1.3 million.
9. **"Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Long Haul,"** \$1.2 million.
10. **"King Arthur: Legend of the Sword,"** \$1.2 million (\$3.7 million international).

en," he said. "To the families, we love you so much. ... Everybody say, 'We honor you, and we love you.'"

Coldplay were also a crowd favorite, performing well-known songs like "Viva La Vida" and "Fix You."

Derek Fisher arrested on suspicion of drunken driving

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Derek Fisher was arrested Sunday on suspicion of drunken driving after the former NBA player and coach flipped his vehicle on a California freeway.

Fisher and his passenger, girlfriend and former "Basketball Wives" reality star Gloria Govan, were not injured in the early morning crash, the California Highway Patrol said.

The former Los Angeles Lakers player and ex-New York Knicks coach was driving on U.S. 101 in the Sherman Oaks area of Los Angeles when his 2015 Cadillac veered onto the right shoulder while approaching an interchange. The car hit the shoulder's concrete curb and guardrail, overturned and came to a rest on its roof, blocking two lanes of the freeway, the highway patrol said.

Officers discovered that the 42-year-old Fisher had been drinking and arrested him on suspicion of driving under the influence of alcohol after a DUI test, authorities said.

"We are beyond grateful that we are both OK and no one else was involved," Fisher and Govan said in a joint statement Sunday. The two-sentence statement also thanked supporters for their thoughts and prayers, but it did not address the drunken driving arrest.

Fisher, a father of four, has been dating Govan, the ex-wife of Matt Barnes, his former Lakers teammate. In October 2015, the two men got into an altercation at Govan's Los Angeles home. Barnes was suspended two games without pay by the NBA for his part in it.

Cosby's image as father, family man on the line at sex trial

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—More than a decade after Bill Cosby invited a college basketball manager to his home to discuss her career, the 79-year-old comedian goes on trial on Monday in a sexual assault case that is sure to define his legacy.

Cosby's image as a father and family man, on screen and off, helped fuel his extraordinary 50-year career in entertainment. He created TV characters, most notably Dr. Cliff Huxtable, with crossover appeal among blacks and whites, young and old, rich and poor. His TV shows, films and comedy tours earned him an estimated \$400 million.

Then a deposition unsealed in 2015 revealed an unsavory private life marked by a long history of sexual liaisons with young women. Dozens came forward to say he had drugged and assaulted them.

The trial involves just one of those complaints, that of the former Temple University basketball staffer. Andrea Constand, 44, of the Toronto area, will take the stand in suburban Philadelphia this week and tell her story in public for the first time.

Montgomery County Judge Steven T. O'Neill hopes to keep the media frenzy from influencing the case as it did at O.J. Simpson's murder trial. The cameras that dominated Simpson's trial aren't allowed in Pennsylvania courtrooms, but scores of photographers will be lined up outside the courthouse. Like the Simpson case, the jury will be sequestered.

"We've had an O.J. hangover for many years," said Loyola Law School professor Laurie Levenson. "What you



In this April 3, 2017 file photo, entertainer Bill Cosby leaves after a pretrial hearing in his sexual assault case at the Montgomery County Courthouse in Norristown, Pa.

worry about as the judge is that the lawyers don't showboat, the evidence gets presented fairly, and that you have a jury that does its job and is not being thrown into the whole milieu of the trial outside the courtroom."

Constand filed a police complaint in 2005 over the night a year earlier, when, she says, Cosby drugged and molested her at his estate near Philadelphia. Cosby had beaten back rumors about his conduct before, at least once

by giving an exclusive interview to a tabloid to squelch a woman's story.

Cosby and his agents offered Constand money for school when her mother, Gianna, called to confront him in January 2006.

a rapist, leading dozens of new accusers to come forward. Months later, a federal judge granted an Associated Press motion to unseal parts of his deposition.

In one of the more explosive revelations, Cosby said he had gotten quaaludes in the 1970s to give women before sex. The news put a halt to his planned TV comeback and led networks to stop airing Cosby reruns.

Cosby's lawyers have spent the past 18 months trying to have the criminal case thrown out. They say Cosby testified only after being promised he could never be charged. And they argue the delayed prosecution makes the case impossible to defend, given that witnesses have died, memories have faded and Cosby, they say, is blind.

Lead defense lawyer Brian McMonagle hopes to call a memory expert to challenge accusations he calls "nothing more than vague recollections."

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Indiana events set for 'League of Their Own' anniversary

HUNTINGBURG, Ind. (AP) — A celebration marking the 25th anniversary of the movie "A League of Their Own" is planned in a southern Indiana community where one of its best-known scenes was filmed. Events are planned June 15-17 in Huntingburg, including a big-screen showing of the movie starring Tom Hanks and Madonna, and a documentary about the filming of the story about a women's baseball league during World War II. The (Jasper) Herald reports three actors from the film

are among those expected to participate in events. Those include Bitty Schram, whose character was featured in the scene during which Hank's team manager character told her: "there's no crying in baseball." That exchange was filmed at Huntingburg's League Stadium. Filming for the movie also took place in and around Evansville.

New Twain House director says museum is "nexus for writers"

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — Mark Twain once said his large Connecticut home was "combination Mississippi River steamboat and cuckoo

clock." That's not exactly how Pieter Roos views the historic Gothic-style home today. For the new executive director of the Mark Twain House & Museum in Hartford, it's "the primary public steward" of the legendary author and humorist's legacy and "one of the finest historical house museums in the country." Roos, 57, will take the helm of the landmark property July 5, after recently finishing an 18-year stint as executive director of the Newport Restoration Foundation in Rhode Island. He said the museum has one of the most important things aspiring executive directors look for — "great

subject material." "There are not a lot of places that are up to the subject level of Mark Twain," Roos said. "He was not only a legendary writer, but a legendary character."

Book industry looks to hold steady in turbulent time

NEW YORK (AP) — Sen. Al Franken looked out on hundreds of publishers and booksellers gathered for their annual national convention, BookExpo, and summed up the news of the time. "Oy." "Say it with me, 'Oy,'" repeated Franken, author of the best-selling memoir about his years in Washington, "Al Franken: Gi-

ant of the Senate," and a liberal hero during the Donald Trump administration. The laughter, nervous and restrained, wasn't only about politics. The publishing industry, which from Wednesday-Sunday met for BookExpo and the fan-based BookCon at the Jacob K. Javits Convention Center, is anxious to remain stable during an otherwise turbulent moment. Sales of printed books are up modestly for the year so far, independent booksellers continue to expand after decades of shutting down, audiobooks are soaring and the e-book market has softened to where few talk anymore of the death of words on paper.

Man decries rampant false advertising on dating sites

DEAR ABBY: I was divorced three years ago, and recently went on some dating sites to find a possible companion. All the women I met had posted photos that looked nothing like them. It was embarrassing.

You usually meet in a public place, so the gentlemanly thing to do is continue the encounter, only to not follow up. It would be so much nicer if women posted a recent photo/selfie so that there would be no surprises at the first date.

Case in point: I had a date with a lady whose photo showed her to be slim, with black hair. When she showed up she had white hair and she had gained at least 30 pounds. She recognized me from my profile photo, which was recent. Because I'm a gentleman, I made no mention of the discrepancy and made the most of our lunch.

I think women would be wise to place a recent photo on their profile with the caption, "What you see is what you get." It would eliminate any surprises.

DISAPPOINTED IN VERMONT

DEAR DISAPPOINTED: I agree that there should be more truth in advertising, which is why I'm printing your letter. However, the same can be said for men who have also been known to fudge the truth about their height and weight, and whose photos feature them wearing baseball caps to hide their baldness. There will be a better outcome

and fewer disappointments if the "moment of truth" comes BEFORE the meeting.

DEAR ABBY: I am very frustrated because my soon-to-be husband doesn't shower often enough. He showers about twice a month—and that's it. I have tried convincing him to get in the shower with me as foreplay, but he refuses. When I ask him why he won't shower, he says he showers "enough." He doesn't seem depressed or moody. He just smells really bad—especially "down there."

All of this is recent. Because he washes so infrequently, I have become less willing to have sexual contact with him. His hygiene problems are major. When we first got together, he showered daily or at least every other day. He doesn't understand how disgusted I am. His behavior is extremely gross and unhealthy. Help!

THE CLEAN ONE

DEAR CLEAN ONE: You are absolutely right. Your fiance's poor hygiene IS extremely gross and unhealthy. He understands how disgusted you are; he just doesn't care. He cleaned up before because you hadn't been "wooed and won" yet. He may change in the future, but not for the better.

You say this personality change is recent. You might be doing him a favor to suggest that it's time for a checkup with his doctor.

DEAR ABBY

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DEAR ABBY: What is proper elevator etiquette? I've always assumed that passengers should exit the elevator before new ones get on. However, I have seen some people push their way through the door while people are exiting. Shouldn't they wait until everyone has left the elevator before entering? It seems like common sense to me.

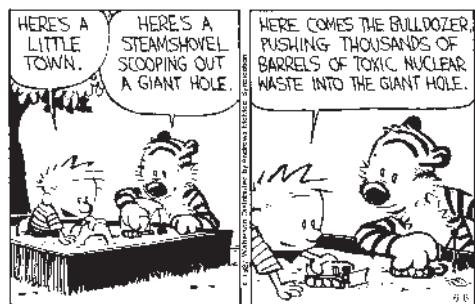
ANN IN NEW YORK

DEAR ANN: It IS common sense, and it's also the rule of etiquette. The people you describe are impatient, ignorant or rude.

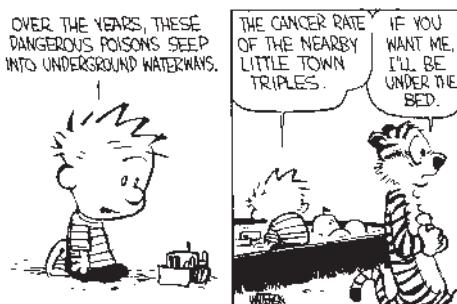
Good advice for everyone – teens to seniors – is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$7 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

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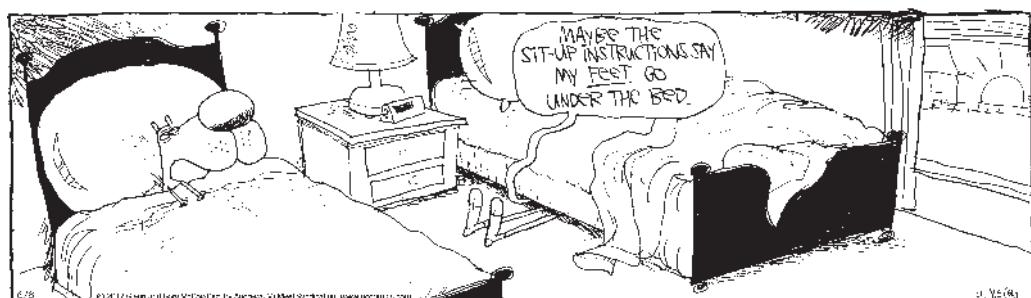


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By Bryan Basset

The Duplex



By Glenn McCoy

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By Eugene Sheffer

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Solution time: 28 mins.



CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:

Aubrey Anderson-Emmons, 10; Natalie Morales, 45; Paul Giamatti, 50; Robert Englund, 70.

Happy Birthday: Do your best to focus on creative endeavors, innovative financing and giving your own special twist to whatever you do this year. Your uniqueness will help camouflage some of the little things you need to get done without drawing attention to the changes you are making. Discretion and secrecy will help you map out a quick and unassuming route to victory. Your numbers are 1, 9, 14, 23, 31, 35, 43.

TAURUS (March 21-April 19): Partnerships will require nurturing and insight into situations that may be festering below the surface. Remain calm and consider all sides of a situation before you take sides. An innovative approach to compromise is favored. **★★★**

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Make physical changes and personal improvements your priorities. Taking care of emotional matters will give you a sense of accomplishment and the desire to spend more quality time with the people who inspire and motivate you. **★★★**

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Don't broadcast what you are going to do. You will be successful if you can quietly turn your thoughts into reality without anyone being the wiser. Paying more attention to what others are doing will help you avoid interference. **★★★**

CANCER (June 21-July 22): An original idea will lead to recognition. Share your thoughts and solutions and you will

make a lasting impression. Partnerships look promising and collaborating will help you reach your goals. Personal changes and physical improvements are favored. **★★★★**

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Use your money wisely to improve your home or financial security. Being creative with the way you invest can be lucrative, but don't jeopardize your family's safety net by taking unnecessary risks. **★★**

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Take a different approach to the way you deal with others. Partnerships will grow into something special if you offer something unique. An unconventional route to a better life, position or relationship will help you avoid boredom and failure. **★★★**

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SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Show off how unique and innovative you can be with the way you handle children, social interactions or something creative you are pursuing. An important relationship will undergo a positive affirmation if you share your thoughts and feelings. **★★**

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Tone it down. Don't broadcast what you are trying to do and you will avoid being bombarded with questions, negativity and interference.

Once you are fully prepared to present, it will be difficult for anyone to ignore your plans. **★★★**

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Someone will confuse you or send you mixed messages. Look for the truth and use your imagination to come up with solutions. Making design changes at home will improve your surroundings and add to your comfort and convenience. **★★★★**

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Observe, but don't make a ruckus over what someone else is doing. Bide your time and learn from what others do. Pull your plans together with a level of precision and detail that will far exceed any competition you encounter. **★★**

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You'll be right on the money. Your instincts won't let you down, and the chance to gain a little extra cash will be apparent. Innovative ways to cut corners will free up cash that has been withheld in the past. **★★★★**

Birthday Baby: You are intense, mysterious and fickle. You are playful and illusive.

Eugenia's websites — eugenialast.com for Ask Eugenia, daily timing and compatibility services, and join Eugenia on twitter/facebook/linkedin.

SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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Difficulty Level ★★

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Last Friday's Answer

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Difficulty Level ★★★

WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the WONDERWORD.

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Solution: 12 letters

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Curry, Durant lead Warriors to 2-0 lead with 132-113 rout



OAKLAND, Calif. (AP)—Stephen Curry dribbled every which way and ran a circle around LeBron James, then drove left through the paint and beat him to the rim for a right-handed layup over the star's outstretched arm in a move reminiscent of his recent MVP magic.

Steve Kerr got a front-row seat again for the show, delighted to be back on the bench witnessing those signature moments he has seen so many times before.

Kerr watched his Golden State Warriors grab a 2-0 lead in the NBA Finals by downing the Cleveland Cavaliers 132-113 Sunday night in another rout, returning to the sideline with a warm welcome from the sell-out crowd after a six-week absence.

Their leader and reigning NBA Coach of the Year assuming his usual courtside seat, Curry received a special request from Kerr: "to play with passion and play with joy," Curry shared.

"That's what everyone wants to see, some of the best players in the world go against each other," Klay Thompson said. "Steph made a great move, got by him and finished. That's what he does."

Curry and Kevin Durant tag-teamed the Warriors within two victories of another championship. Curry recorded his first career postseason triple-double with 32 points, 11 assists and 10 rebounds, while Durant contributed 33 points, 13 rebounds, six assists and five blocks and is suddenly on the cusp of his first ring.

"It seemed like it's personal for both of them," Draymond Green said. "And you are talking two of the greatest players that we got in this world locked in the way they are, that's why we're up 2-0."

Golden State improved to 14-0 this postseason and is trying to become



AP
Golden State Warriors guard Stephen Curry (30) dribbles against Cleveland Cavaliers guard Kyrie Irving (2) during the first half of Game 2 of basketball's NBA Finals in Oakland, Calif., Sunday, June 4, 2017.

the first group to go unbeaten all the way to a title.

James was equally spectacular with his own triple-double of 29 points, 14 assists and 11 rebounds, but yet again didn't get nearly enough help to keep up with the Warriors' depth. Kevin Love had 27 points and Kyrie Irving 19.

James tied Magic Johnson for

most NBA Finals triple-doubles with eight, and this marked the first time in NBA history more than one player had a triple-double in the same Finals game.

"I thought for the most part with the game plan that we had we tried to execute it as close as possible," James said. "Much more physical today than we were in Game 1. And we

forced them to 20 turnovers and they still beat us pretty good, so we've got to be much better, too."

Thompson emerged from a post-season-long shooting funk to score 22 points with four 3-pointers while playing more stellar defense and pulling down seven rebounds for the Warriors, who shot 18 for 43 from deep.

The best-of-seven series now shifts

Cavs ignore last year's comeback after another 0-2 hole

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP)—LeBron James and the Cleveland Cavaliers are headed home in a familiar spot after the first two games of the NBA Finals.

Rather than reach back to last year's championship comeback for a confidence boost, James' focus is on figuring out what Cleveland must do to change its fortunes against a Warriors team that is fresher and far more dangerous this year, thanks to the addition of Kevin Durant.

"They're a different team," James said following a 132-113 loss in Game 2 on Sunday night that put Cleveland in an 0-2 hole.

That's been quite evident through two games. Durant leads all players with 71 points the first two games—six more than the player he replaced in the lineup, Har-

rison Barnes, scored in seven games a year ago.

Durant's scoring has taken pressure off Stephen Curry and allowed the Warriors to withstand Cleveland runs so well that they haven't trailed after the first quarter in either game.

A healthy Curry followed up a 28-point Game 1 with his first postseason triple-double on Sunday with 32 points, 11 assists and 10 rebounds. He looks more like a two-time MVP than the hobbled player he was in last year's Finals.

Klay Thompson shook off a shooting slump to score 22 points and the Warriors pulled away late for another lopsided win.

"They play well at home," Cavs coach Tyronn Lue said. "They won their first two games like they're supposed to. Coming to a tough envi-

ronment, we knew it was going to be tough, but they won the first two games. We get a chance to go home now to our home crowd where we play well, also."

The Cavs began to turn things around last year after being outscored by 48 points in the first two losses in Oakland—seven more than this year. They split the two games at home before reeling off three straight wins to become the fourth team to win the title after losing the first two games.

"They're going to come, man," Curry said. "There is a lot of work for us left to do. And you got to expect them to play, obviously, better at home. And we're going to need to play better to win on the road."

What was so discouraging for the Cavs is that they

played better in Game 2 but the result didn't really change. They went to a smaller lineup that contributed to Golden State committing 20 turnovers a game after tying a Finals record with four.

The offense picked up thanks to 27 points from Kevin Love and the Cavs scored 22 more points than in the opener in a faster-paced game, but that also helped the Warriors improve their shooting from 43 percent to 52 percent as Cleveland had a weaker defensive on the floor.

"We definitely have a sense of what they're capable of, and we felt like a lot of times tonight we played better basketball," Love said. "But they're a team you cannot—you can't let them go on runs."

The key one came late in the third quarter after Cleveland cut the deficit to four points.

The Warriors followed with a 16-4 run that included 3-pointers from Curry and Thompson, a three-point play from Durant in transition and four points from Shaun Livingston.

"That's what they do," James said. "That's what Golden State does. If you make a mistake—like I said, we had a turnover, it came from me, and then we had a miscue and the floods opened again."

The first two games have shown a stark difference in depth. While James has thrived so far and had 29 points, 11 rebounds and 14 assists to tie Magic Johnson's record with his eighth career Finals triple-double Sunday, he hasn't gotten nearly enough help.

Kyrie Irving scored 24 points in the opener and Love had a big day in Game 2, but starters Tristan Thompson and J.R. Smith have been nearly invisible and the bench has offered little help.

The Warriors, on the other hand, have gotten key contributions from their four All-Stars: Curry, Durant, Klay Thompson and Draymond Green, as well as from players like Livingston, Andre Iguodala and Zaza Pachulia at times to set an NBA record with 14 straight postseason wins.

But after being so close last year and falling short, the Warriors know how difficult the next two will be.

"It's human nature to let your guard down, human nature, 2-0, everybody in the world 'It's over, it's over,'" Livingston said. "No, it's not over. We saw what happened last year. We've been here. The guys that were here last year understand it's the hardest thing to do is to try to close out a series and we've got two more games to go. We need to take that mentality to Cleveland."

to Cleveland for two games, with Game 3 Wednesday.

Kerr returned to the bench to a rousing ovation, waving to the fans while back on the sideline for the first time since Game 2 of the first round against Portland on April 19 because of pain issues stemming from complications after 2015 back surgery.

Curry provided Kerr more than a glimpse of his greatness from up close after the coach had been watching games from the locker room while speaking to his players beforehand and at halftime.

On that third-quarter drive, James had little help as Love got there late.

"At that point I was a little bit more composed than earlier in that possession," Curry said. "I was just kind of like a chicken with my head cut off, just running circles."

Curry wore his emotions for everybody to see, willing the unblemished Warriors even when Cleveland went on a third-quarter run after that play.

Now, Golden State is headed to Northeast Ohio needing just two more—yet don't count on anybody considering this series close to done. The Warriors squandered a 3-1 lead to the Cavs a year ago to miss a repeat.

"Well, it's been a great run but none of that matters unless we can finish the job with this series," Kerr said. "Trust me, we know. It was 2-0 last year, we lost."

Curry made all 14 of his free throws. He and Durant combined for 66 points and 18 assists in the opener, then dominated again while the supporting cast shined.

Curry was upset by his eight turnovers as Cleveland vowed to put more pressure on the ball and keep Durant from driving and dunking untouched as he did so many times in Game 1.

It didn't matter in the end.

Having Kerr there sure did—the Warriors felt whole again.

"We love his presence. We love his voice," Curry said. "And we're a full group when he's out here, so that means a lot."

Astros beat Rangers to register 10th win in a row



ARLINGTON, Texas
(AP)—George

Springer and the Houston Astros have matched their Texas rival with the longest winning streak in the major leagues this season at 10 games.

Not much else is close between the runaway leaders in the AL West and the two-time defending division champion Rangers.

Springer hit two of Houston's four home runs, and the Astros completed their first sweep of Texas in almost three years with a 7-2 victory Sunday.

"This team continues to show up every single day with a great will to win and we take the aggressive approach and have done a lot of damage," manager A.J. Hinch said.

The Astros scored in all four innings pitched by Martin Perez (2-6) to tie a club record with their 10th straight road win, dropping the Rangers to 3-11 since their 10-game streak.

Texas (26-31) is in fourth place, 15 games behind the Astros, who have the major leagues' best record at 41-16—and six wins in seven games against the Rangers.

"To think about where you are in the standings would be a monumental mistake in my opinion because we can't make it up all in one day," Texas manager Jeff Banister said. "You ask the question a number of times and it seems like just rhetoric and it's not. It's a narrative of what we need to do."

Brad Peacock (3-0) won a major league start for the first time since Sept. 2, 2014, pitching past the fifth inning for the first time in his third start following 12 relief appearances. He struck out nine in six innings, allowing two runs.

Luke Gregerson finished the game in a downpour with scoreless ninth, including a strikeout that gave Houston pitchers 13. The Rangers fanned 31 times over the final two games.

"We were speeding up as fast as we could because we knew it was coming," Hinch said.

Springer, who had three hits, connected on his sixth leadoff homer this season, matching Tampa Bay's Corey Dickerson for the major league lead, and added a solo shot in the fourth. He has a team-leading 16 homers.

Carlos Correa went deep starting the third, with a fan reaching over the railing with a glove for a nifty grab of the 440-foot drive to a back wall in the visitor's bullpen in left-center field. Yuli Gurriel had another solo homer in the fifth and a sacrifice fly in the third.

A day after striking out four times with runners on base in a one-run loss, Texas' Rougned



AP

Houston Astros' George Springer (4) and Carlos Correa (1) celebrate Springer's solo home run that came off a pitch from Texas Rangers' Martin Perez in the first inning of a baseball game, Sunday, June 4, 2017, in Arlington, Texas.

earned its first series victory in six weeks.

Brandon Crawford homered and drove in four runs and Eduardo Nunez also connected for San Francisco, which has lost seven of 10.

Brewers 3, Dodgers 0

In Milwaukee, Zach Davies (6-3) pitched three-hit ball into the seventh inning while Eric Thames hit his 15th homer as Milwaukee averted a three-game series sweep.

Corey Knebel struck out the side in the ninth around a walk for his fifth save.

Kenta Maeda (4-3) threw 92 pitches in working just four innings, allowing two runs and two hits.

Indians 8, Royals 0

In Kansas City, Missouri, Roberto Perez and Daniel Robertson hit two-run doubles off Eric Skoglund (0-1) in the second inning before a 1-hour, 50-minute rain delay in the bottom half.

Dan Otero (1-0) replaced Cleveland starter Trevor Bauer after the delay and allowed one hit over 2 1/3 innings to earn his first win since Sept. 22, when he also got the decision in relief against Kansas City.

Jason Kipnis homered and drove in two for the Indians. Robertson finished with three RBIs.

Twins 3, Angels 2

In Anaheim, California, a video review overturned Ben Revere's stolen base and changed the call to a caught stealing for the final out with the replay determining he overslid second as shortstop Ehre Adriana tagged him on his left foot.

Miguel Sano hit a go-ahead, two-run homer in the sixth Ricky Nolasco (2-6), who lost his fourth straight start.

Revere's RBI single in the fourth off Jose Berrios (4-1) had given the Angels a 2-1 lead. Brandon Kintzler pitched the ninth for his 15th save.

Mariners 7, Rays 1

In Seattle, Ariel Miranda (6-2) pitched a four-hitter, struck out a career-high nine and walked one in his first big league complete game as Seattle finished a series sweep.

Nelson Cruz hit a two-run homer and Mike Zunino picked up two more RBIs in Seattle's seventh win in eight games. Jarrod Dyson also drove in two runs.

Odor hit a solo homer when the Rangers were trailing 7-0 in the fifth.

Tigers 7, White Sox 4

In Detroit, Justin Upton hit a game-ending, three-run homer as Detroit overcame Justin Verlander's groin injury to beat the Chicago White Sox for a sweep of their weekend series.

Nicholas Castellanos was hit by a pitch from David Robertson (3-2), and second baseman Yolmer Sanchez then misplayed a potential double-play ball and was only able to get Miguel Cabrera at first. J.D. Martinez was intentionally walked, and Upton hit his 11th homer.

Martinez also connected for the Tigers, who have won four straight. Justin Wilson (3-1) pitched a scoreless inning.

Todd Frazier led off the third with his eighth homer, lifting the White Sox to a 2-0 lead, and Verlander left after a four-pitch walk.

Cubs 7, Cardinals 6

In Chicago, Ian Happ hit two homers before pinch hitter Jon Jay drove in the go-ahead run in the seventh with a single as the Chicago Cubs beat the St. Louis Cardinals to complete a three-game sweep.

Happ staked Chicago to a 6-4 lead with a solo homer in the third and a three-run drive in the fourth against Michael Wacha.

Jay, batting for reliever Pedro Strop (2-2), broke a 6-6 tie with his two-out single off Matt Bowman (1-2) in the seventh. Anthony Rizzo had three hits and scored the go-ahead run as the Cubs (28-27) moved back over .500 with their 10th home win in 12 games.

Stephen Piscotty hit a three-

run homer in the fourth off Kyle Hendricks. The Cardinals tied it with two in the sixth against Hector Rondon, only to lose for the eighth time in 11 games.

Nationals 11, Athletics 10

In Oakland, California, Ryan Zimmerman hit a tiebreaking three-run homer in the eighth inning, sending the Nationals to the victory.

Matt Wieters and Michael Taylor added back-to-back homers off Frankie Montas during Washington's five-run ninth, helping the NL East leaders improve to 5-1 on their nine-game West Coast trip.

But the Nationals nearly blew an 11-4 lead in the ninth, highlighting their continued trouble with closing out games. Koda Glover allowed the first five batters to reach before he was replaced by Shawn Kelley, who surrendered a grand slam by Matt Joyce with one out. Kelley then retired the next two batters for his fourth save in six tries.

Khris Davis had three hits and two RBIs for Oakland, including his 17th homer.

Blue Jays 3, Yankees 2

In Toronto, Justin Smoak hit a tying two-run homer off Luis Severino in the sixth inning while Josh Donaldson homered against Tyler Clippard (0-3) in the eighth as Toronto gained a four-game split despite going 0 for 24 in the series with runners in scoring position.

Matt Holliday hit an RBI double in the fourth off Marcus Stroman and a run-scoring double-play grounder in the sixth.

Joe Smith (2-0) struck out two in a perfect eighth and

Roberto Osuna pitched a 1-2-3 ninth for his 13th save.

Marlins 6, Diamondbacks 5

In Miami, A.J. Ellis hit a tie-breaking single on the 14th pitch of an at-bat against Archie Bradley in the seventh.

Tyler Moore hit a three-run homer and Derek Dietrich had a pair of sacrifice flies for Miami, which finished an 8-2 homestand.

Nick Wittgren (1-0) got two outs around a walk in the seventh. A.J. Ramos pitched a 1-2-3 ninth to remain perfect in eight save chances.

Rockies 3, Padres 1

In San Diego, Jeff Hoffman cruised through seven innings for Colorado while Trevor Story had two hits and two RBIs.

Hoffman (3-0) struck out nine after being called up from the minors to fill in for Tyler Anderson, sidelined by a left knee injury. The rookie right-hander allowed a run and San Diego's only three hits as Colorado took three of four in the series.

Greg Holland pitched the ninth for his major league-leading 21st save in 21 chances, extending his franchise record for consecutive conversions to start a season.

Hunter Renfroe hit his 11th homer for San Diego and Jarred Cosart (0-2) allowed three runs and six hits in four-plus innings.

Braves 13, Reds 8

In Cincinnati, Ender Inciarte tied his career high with five hits and drove in a career-high five runs.

Atlanta set a season high for runs. Danny Santana had four hits and three RBIs, including his first home run since being

acquired from Minnesota on May 8 and Matt Adams homered for the third time in two games.

Cincinnati lost for the fifth time in six games. Zack Cozart homered twice and drove in five runs but Amir Garrett (3-4) gave up nine runs and seven hits over 2 2/3 innings in his first start since May 23 after being sidelined with right hip inflammation.

Pirates 11, Mets 1

In New York, David Freese drove in three runs, including an RBI single.

Andrew McCutchen hit a three-run homer, got three hits and scored three times to back rookie Trevor Williams (3-3), who gave up one run in a career-high seven innings. Freese and Francisco Cervelli each had three hits.

The Pirates turned four double plays and took two of three at Citi Field, their first road series win since late April in Miami.

Red Sox 7, Orioles 3

In Baltimore, Chris Sale (7-2) struck out nine in six innings to win his sixth straight decision as Boston split the four-game series.

Andrew Benintendi had his first multihomer game. Boston broke a sixth-inning tie by scoring two unearned runs on a throwing error by catcher Francisco Pena, and Benintendi's second homer made it 6-3 in the seventh.

Phillies 9, Giants 7

In Philadelphia, Maikel Franco hit a tiebreaking solo homer in the eighth off Derek Law (3-1) and Freddy Galvis homered from both sides of the plate. Odubel Herrera also went deep as Philadelphia

Muguruza, Venus out; French Open to have 1st-time Slam champ

PARIS (AP)—Garbine Muguruza did not take kindly to the way spectators pulled for her opponent—her French opponent, mind you—at the French Open.

So after her title defense ended with a 6-1, 3-6, 6-3 loss to 13th-seeded Kristina Mladenovic at a packed and rowdy Court Suzanne Lenglen on a

surprise-filled Sunday that left zero past Grand Slam champions in the women's field, Muguruza walked toward the locker room while wagging a finger toward the stands, as if to say, "Tsk, tsk!"

"The crowd was really tough today," Muguruza said at a news conference that was halted at one point so she

Carroll says Kaepernick a starter, just not with Seahawks



RENTON, Wash. (AP)—

Pete Carroll saw Colin Kaepernick's rise as a starting quarterback firsthand and the Seattle Seahawks coach still believes Kaepernick is capable of being a starter.

It just won't be in Seattle. Carroll had high praise for Kaepernick on Friday as the Seahawks wrapped up their first week of OTAs. The former 49ers quarterback was in Seattle last week to meet with the front office but left still unemployed.

While Seattle has seemed the most logical destination—from its style of offense to the outspokenness of its locker room—Kaepernick won't be signing with the Seahawks at this time.

"Colin has been a fantastic football player and he's going to continue to be. At this time, we didn't do anything with it, but we know where he is and who he is, and we had a chance to understand him much more so," Carroll said. "He's a starter in this league. We have a starter, but he's a starter in this league and I can't imagine that somebody won't give him a chance to play."

Carroll wasn't willing to

speculate why Kaepernick remains unsigned after opting out of his contract in San Francisco and becoming a free agent.

"That's not my issue, I don't know," Carroll said. "We brought him in here to check him out, and I think it was very productive for us to get to know him better. I had never really sat down and talked to the guy."

With Kaepernick, Seattle would have been getting a QB with baggage. Kaepernick knelt during the national anthem all last season to protest police brutality and the treatment of minorities, drawing criticism and acclaim alike. He has indicated he plans to stand for the anthem this upcoming season should he find a job.

Meantime, Seattle has been seeking a backup. Trevone Boykin was the backup to Russell Wilson last season, but it was a risky move as Wilson battled through ankle and knee injuries during the regular season and Boykin ran into off-field troubles in the offseason.

Carroll said the door on Kaepernick is not closed. "The doors are always open to opportunities," he said.

"We're just going to try to do the best we can for our guys whenever the opportunity presents itself and we'll see."

MATANSA

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Kanoa-1 nipping TanHoldings FC-1, 1-0. Ten matches took place in the division with TanHoldings-2, MP United, Matansa, and Kanoa-2 battling TanHoldings-1 and Kanoa-1 for the championship.

In the U14B/U15G, which drew the most teams (nine), TanHoldings was the last squad left standing after slipping past Kanoa-1 in the penalty shootout, 2-1. Southern United, Paire, Shirley's FC, MP United-1 and 2, Kanoa-2, and Matansa were the other squads that played in the division.

All the champion teams received trophies, while medals were given to each player from the division winners. Trophies were also handed to Fair Play Award winners Kanoa (U8 and U10), TanHoldings (U12B), MP United

(U12A), and Shirley's FC (U14B/U15G).

For the individual awards, Kristopher Pascual of MP United got the Golden Glove plum in the U12A division, while Kanoa's Merrick Toves earned the same trophy in the U14B/U15G. For the Golden Boot award, the winners were Matansa's Alex Magsino and Kanoa's Daniel Mar Pablo and Sean Gil of the U12A division and U14/U15G's Taka Borja of TanHoldings.

The second edition of the President's Cup was held in celebration of Northern Mariana Islands Football Association president Jerry Tan's birthday. Tan personally handed the trophies and medals to the winning teams and players.

This year's President's Cup drew 30 teams, surpassing the turnout (20) from the inaugural staging of the competition.



AP Timea Bacsinszky of Switzerland forms a heart as she celebrates winning her fourth round match against Venus Williams of the U.S. in three sets 5-7, 6-2, 6-1, at the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium, in Paris, France.



one major trophy (Muguruza, Venus Williams, Svetlana Kuznetsova and Samantha Stosur) against a woman who has not. And each time, the less-accomplished player won. Add it all up, and it means that there will be a first-time major title winner at the end of the tournament.

About an hour after Muguruza's exit, seven-time major champion Williams lost to 30th-seeded Timea Bacsinszky 5-7, 6-2, 6-1 at Court Philippe Chatrier.

"She had so many answers today," said Williams, who also lost to Bacsinszky in the fourth round a year ago.

Kuznetsova, who won the 2009 French Open and 2004 U.S. Open, was ousted by two-time major runner-up Caroline Wozniacki 6-1, 4-6, 6-2, while 2011 U.S. Open champion Stosur was eliminated.

score. Only five Natibu players made it to the board with Joel Norita and Aven Evangelista leading their team after recording 9 markers each.

First Game

670 Sonics/PHI 56 — Favor 11, Cadag 8, Itaas 7, Bayot 7, Ferrar 6, Francisco 4, Contreras 4, Bravo 4, Tabora 2, Salban 1.

DYS/NMI Rollers 39 — Tenorio 18, Cruz 8, Valencia 8, Deal Cruz 5.

Scoring by halves: 31-21, 56-39.

Second Game

Ol'Aces Elite 65 — Naraja 11, Saralu 8, Kenty 8, Soriano 7, Laxa 6, Toves 6, Omelau 4, Menchon 4, Fleming 2, Elchico 2.

Natibu Warriors 30 — J. Norita 9, Evangelista 9, M. Norita 6, Cruz 4, Atalig 2.

Scoring by quarters: 24-9, 65-30.

SONICS

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a deuce, 20-18, down to the last six minutes and change of the first half when it stepped on the pedal and widened the gap, 30-19. Adonis Favor anchored the 10-1 rally, scoring 8 straight points in that spurt, while Khristian Itaas made the other field goal.

670 Sonics/PHI then scored only one free throw after that surge, but the team still led by twin digits by halftime, 31-21, as DYS/NMI Rollers nailed only one field goal from Sunjoon Tenorio and a split charity from Roger Valencia.

DYS/NMI Rollers never recovered from thereon, as only Tenorio consistently hit baskets in streaks for the squad,

while the 670 Sonics/PHI had

too many options on offense to keep its big lead.

Favor paced the 670 Son-

ics/PHI's semis win with his 11 points, while four of his teammates chipped in at least 6 points apiece and three more combined for 12. Tenorio led all scorers with his 18 points, while only three other DYS/NMI Rollers players made it to the squad's box scores.

In the second Final Four tiff, the Ol'Aces Elite outgunned the Natibu Warriors in the first half, 24-9, and delivered the killer blows in the second behind the former's balance offense to ease its way to the finals.

Ricco Saralu, Darrel Soriano, and Merrick Toves teamed up for 17 points in the Ol'Aces Elite's first-half domination and the rest of their teammates gave their share in the second half en route to their 35-point victory.

Leo Naraja top-scored for the Ol'Aces Elite with his 11 points, while five of his teammates registered at least 6 points and four more completed the squad's box

plus one coach to the Pacific Mini Games, which will run from Dec. 2 to 14. Rugby, on the other hand, is allowed to bring as much as 12 players, excluding its coaches.

In related news, NMSA president Michael White reiterated to team officials sending athletes to the Mini Games to turn in a brief report about their respective squad's preparation for the competition in next month's meeting.

White also informed interested squads about the proposed alternative routes

to Vanuatu. According to the NMSA head, Aircalin is proposing flights from Tokyo and Osaka to Nouméa, New Caledonia and connections to Port Vila, Vanuatu. The New Caledonia airline company would like to get the number of passengers and dates of travel from the participating countries as soon as possible so it could work on the best airfare rates. Before, athletes coming from Micronesia go to Tokyo and then Australia (Sydney or Brisbane) before heading to Vanuatu.

nated by 19-year-old Jelena Ostapenko of Latvia 2-6, 6-4.

Mladenovic will face Bacsinszky next, and Wozniacki meets Ostapenko. In addition, all eight women who play in the fourth round Monday are seeking a first major title, so

it will be the first French Open since 1977—and first major tournament anywhere since the 1979 Australian Open—without a past Slam champion among the quarterfinalists.

Asked for her thoughts on the way things worked out, Williams replied: "I have no idea. It's all behind me now, so whatever happens in this tournament is not necessarily my concern anymore."

In men's action, nine-time champion Rafael Nadal and defending champion Novak Djokovic both won in straight sets to reach the quarterfinals in Paris for the 11th time, equaling Roger Federer's record for the professional era. Next up: Nadal vs. No. 20 Pablo Carreno Busta, and Djokovic vs. No. 6 Dominic Thiem, with the winners facing off in the semifinals.

Heading into the French Open, many figured the women's draw was wide open, because of the absences of Williams' sister, Serena (who is pregnant), and Maria Sharapova (who was denied a wild-card entry that she needed as she comes off a drug suspension).

TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	32	22	.593	—
Boston	31	25	.554	2
Baltimore	29	26	.527	3½
Tampa Bay	29	30	.492	5½
Toronto	28	29	.491	5½

Central Division

Ol'Aces Elite 65

Naraja 11

Saralu 8

Kenty 8

Soriano 7

Laxa 6

Toves 6

Omelau 4

Menchon 4

Fleming 2

Elchico 2

Natibu Warriors 30

J. Norita 9

Evangelista 9

M. Norita 6

Cruz 4

Atalig 2

Scoring by quarters:

24-9

65-30

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	35	20	.636	—
Atlanta	24	30	.444	10½
New York	24	31	.436	11
Miami	24	31	.436	11
Philadelphia	19	35	.352	15½

Central Division

Milwaukee 30

Chicago 28

St. Louis 26

Pittsburgh 26

Cincinnati 25

West Division

Colorado 36

Los Angeles 35

Arizona 34

Texas 26

Oakland 24

Scoring by quarters:

23-23

35-35

35-35

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Rites of Passage 21: Throwdown

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Frank "The Crank" Camacho connects a straight on Extreme Combat Korea's Gun Han Park during Round 1 of the main event of the Rites of Passage 21: Throwdown held last May 26 at the Marianas Business Plaza.



Extreme Combat Korea's Gun Han Park hits Frank "The Crank" Camacho on the face.



Charanka Brawlers' Mark "The Dark" Nuique tries to protect his head against a flurry of punches from ACE Korea's Sang Hyun Park.



Phil David, left, neutralizes Jones Langu, while referee Jason Tarkong looks on.



Referee Jason Tarkong gives final reminders to ACE Korea's Sang Hyun Park, left, and Charanka Brawlers' Mark "The Dark" Nuique.



Extreme Combat Korea's Gun Han Park, left, strikes Frank "The Crank" Camacho on the head.



Jones Langu, left, and Phil David touch gloves before their 180-lb bout.



Kelvin "The Big Hit" Fitial and his entourage enter the fight venue.



Curry, Durant lead Warriors to 2-0 lead with 132-113 rout

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Matansa leads President's Cup winners

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Matansa Football Club topped two of the five divisions in the Saipan Soccer School-organized President's Cup held last Saturday at the Hopwood Middle School Field.

Matansa ruled the co-ed U8 and U10 age groups and was joined on the champions' circle by MP United Football Club (U12B), Kanoa Football

Club-1 (U12A), and TanHoldings (U14Boys/U15Girls).

In the U8 division, Matansa clinched the title in the double-elimination



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A Matansa player, left, faces three TanHoldings defenders during their U8 game in the President's Cup held last Saturday at the Hopwood Middle School Field.

Sonics vs Ol'Aces Elite in U15 finals

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The 670 Sonics/PHI and Ol'Aces Elite will collide for the division title in the boys U15 of the 2017 Francisco M. Diaz Memorial Youth League following their convincing semis wins last Saturday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

The 670 Sonics/PHI eased past DYS/NMI Rollers, 56-39, to take the first finals seat, while the Ol'Aces Elite



also cruised to a 65-30 triumph over the Natibu Warriors in the other semis pairing to advance to the winner-take-all finale, which will be played this Saturday.

Both 670 Sonics/PHI and the Ol'Aces Elite established double-digit leads at the end of the first half to set up the easy victories. The Zachary Johnson-coached 670 Sonics/PHI was ahead by only

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The 670 Sonics/PHI's Adonis Favor towers above DYS/NMI Rollers defenders and his teammates en route to making one of his four straight baskets in the first half of the semis game in the boys U15 division of the Diaz youth caging last Saturday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

competition after shutting down TanHoldings FC, 6-0. Matansa also defeated Kanoa and Southern United FC in the previous games.

In the U10 division, Matan-

sa also had a lopsided win after blanking MP United, 5-0. Southern United and Kanoa were the two other teams entered in the division, which featured 10 matches.

In the U12B category, there were only eight games with MP United prevailing in the last one against Shirley's Football Club, 3-2, to rule the five-team field. TanHoldings,

Kanoa, and Southern United also played in the division.

The U12A also had a close result for its last game with

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Golf team to 2017 Mini Games named

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The fledgling CNMI Federation of Golf Associations has named its team that will represent the Commonwealth to the 2017 Pacific Mini Games in Vanuatu later this year.

The group's official David Largent, during the Northern Marianas Sports Association monthly meeting last Thursday at the conference room of the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium, said Harry Nakamura, Franco Santos, and junior golfer Dong Young Lee are selected to compete in the quadrennial tournament after making the grade in the one-day qualifying tournament held late last month.



ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Harry Nakamura places his ball on the tee during the Governor's Tournament of Champions held late last month at the Laolao Bay Golf & Resort.

Nakamura and Santos are both working as golf instructors at the Laolao Bay Golf and Resort and are perennial contenders in local tournaments, while Lee has also been seeing action in tournaments here, holding his ground against battle tested players.

Lee was this year's NMC Foundation Open winner and he also topped the 21st Hyatt Regency Saipan Charity Golf Classic held in April. The junior golfer joined the elite Governor's Tournament of Champions, too and finished fifth in the Championship Flight of last month's competition. Nakamura was the third placer in the Championship Flight behind Ryan Park and Guam's Brett Salas.

Before his No. 3 finish in TOC, Nakamura ruled the

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